

FOI - Ash Die Back/Sky News NCC-029485-17

Dear Sir

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information ('council' refers to your authority):

- 1) What assessment has the council made of the potential impact of ash dieback (Chalara) in the authority area and what strategy does it have to cope?
- 2) How many mature ash trees are close to roads for which the council is responsible or public areas in the council's control where those trees have the potential to impact on public safety if they become infected, whether in the council's ownership or privately owned?
- 3) How many of those trees are on council-owned land, and how many of those are 'street trees' in residential areas.
- 4) How many of those trees are on non-council-owned land?
- 5) What is the estimated cost to the council of felling and/or otherwise dealing with all trees in question 2 and over what timescale is that cost estimated?
- 6) How much of that cost does the council expect to recover from third parties?
- 7) How many trees has the council committed to plant specifically to replace trees lost to Chalara?

Please provide the information by email.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined please provide further advice and assistance to indicate this.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be happy to clarify what I am asking for, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

Further to your recent Freedom of information request, please see below [answers](#) provided below along with a committee report that was published when the Ash die back issue first came up. Most of the related topics are covered within that and should provide some if not all the answers to the FOI. We have no further information to answer any specifics though.

Please see Answers below in relation to the council's tree stock.

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Please refer to the attached document titled: **T&H Committee Report re Ash Disease amended version 120313**

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4) How many of those trees are on non-council-owned land?

Unknown figure.

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6) How much of that cost does the council expect to recover from third parties?
If third parties fail to comply with the notice period specified within a Section 154 notice of the Highways Act 1980, the council will recover the expenses reasonably incurred by making safe a tree.

7) How many trees has the council committed to plant specifically to replace trees lost to Chalara?

No commitment made, however please refer to the attached document titled: **T&H Committee Report re Ash Disease amended version 120313**

We hope this now answers your request, should you have any further enquiry please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

In addition to the this and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)
<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email complaints@nottscc.gov.uk.

Kind Regards