

Freedom of information Request NCC-030549-17

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request, for ease I have provided our response alongside each point as follows:

1) How many trees have been felled by the council in the last three years for which data is available - please provide a year by year breakdown.

Nottinghamshire County Council "NCC" are unable to provide a breakdown of figures by year but NCC can confirm between 2015/16, 2016/17 & 2017/18 849 trees were felled. Please note that this figure relates to trees growing within the adopted highway only.

2) How much has it cost the council to fell trees in the last three years? Please provide year by year breakdown of total cost.

Out of the budget that is received approximately £200k is spent each year on tree felling. The rest is spent on Epicormic removal, tree pollarding and crown lifting programmes and maintaining the county's hedge and shrub beds asset.

3) Does the council have a target number of trees to fell in each year? What is the purpose of the tree felling?

There is no set target for tree felling in place as our role is to preserve and maintain the tree stock within our County and there is no direct pressure to achieve such a target. The trees that are removed need to be classed as dead, diseased or dying in order to be considered for removal or have a direct safety implication on highway users i.e. after road traffic collisions, direct or indirect damage or for visibility purposes.

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If you are unhappy with the way your request was dealt with and wish to make a complaint, please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference above.

With kind regards

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