

Southwark Council - Information request

Our reference: 759891

Dear Blanche Cameron

Re: Your request for information: 759891

Thank you for your request for information that was received on 6 March 2017 in which you requested:

To avoid doubt or misrepresentation and for the purposes of the ecosystem services assessments, please respond to the following:

Q1. Is the Council required to tell the public and Church the number of trees of 75mm diameter or more before they are felled, or only the number of trees of 150mm diameter or more?

Q2. Are you, Rebecca Towers or Southwark Council claiming there were no trees between 75mm and 150mm diameter at Area Z Camberwell Old Cemetery prior to felling?

Q3. Presuming 'no' is the answer to Q2, please inform us and the Church what number of trees 75mm - 150mm were a) on Area Z when the surveys took place in 2014 and 2015 and prior to felling in February 2016 and b) felled in February 2016?

Q4. Please provide the data upon which your answer to Q3 is based.

Southwark Council has permission to remove 26 trees on Area D1 on One Tree Hill in Camberwell New Cemetery including 10 English Oaks, for less than nine months' burial plots on a one-in-five slope.

Since the same tree information approach has been applied by Southwark Council to Area D1 for public and Church planning applications - please respond to the following:

Q5. What number of trees 75mm - 150mm are to be felled on Area D1, Camberwell New Cemetery?

Q6. What number of trees 150mm or more are to be felled on Area D1, Camberwell New Cemetery?

Q7. Please provide the data upon which your answers to Q5 and Q6 are based.

Please consider this a Freedom of Information request. I have copied in your Freedom of Information department, but I hope it won't be necessary to add to their workload as the information must be readily to hand.

I have also copied in the Chancellor Philip Petchey and Registrar Paul Morris of the Diocese of Southwark for their information. Please copy them in to your reply.

The information that you requested can be found below. For ease of reference the question is in bold font and the response directly underneath.

Q1. Is the Council required to tell the public and Church the number of trees of 75mm diameter or more before they are felled, or only the number of trees of 150mm diameter or more?

The Diocese allowed for trees of up to 75mm at a height of 1.5m to be felled without faculty and any tree above this diameter on consecrated land was not removed.

Q2. Are you, Rebecca Towers or Southwark Council claiming there were no trees between 75mm and 150mm diameter at Area Z Camberwell Old Cemetery prior to felling?

There were no trees felled between 75mm -150mm diameter on consecrated land.

Q3. Presuming 'no' is the answer to Q2, please inform us and the Church what number of trees 75mm - 150mm were a) on Area Z when the surveys took place in 2014 and 2015 and prior to felling in February 2016 and b) felled in February 2016?

This information is not held as trees below 150mm stem diameter at a height of 1.5m were not recorded.

Q4. Please provide the data upon which your answer to Q3 is based.

In view of the response to question three (Q3.) this is not applicable.

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Q5. What number of trees 75mm - 150mm are to be felled on Area D1, Camberwell New Cemetery?

There are no trees between 75mm -150mm being felled on area D1

Q6. What number of trees 150mm or more are to be felled on Area D1, Camberwell New Cemetery?

Initially 26 trees were proposed to be felled, however the overall number has been reduced to 23 trees as 3 oaks are now being retained following a design change with less burial plots.

Q7. Please provide the data upon which your answers to Q5 and Q6 are based.

This information is not held as no data is recorded.

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Yours faithfully

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