

14 August 2020
Our ref: 6491336

Thank you for your request received on 10 August 2020, for the following information:

The East London Garden Society is requesting through The Freedom of Information Act the number of trees listed as being protected this to include ancient and veteran trees.

The East London Garden Society is also requesting the species of trees that are protected.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested. However, we consider that the following exceptions apply to some of the information requested.

We consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

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The information on Tree Protection Orders is available on the following link -

<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/e5nge/tree-preservation-orders-schedule-items>

Please be aware Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) include trees designated individually, as groups, as woodlands and / or as areas and do not specify the age of trees there it is not possible to give the total number of trees.

The Local Planning Authority (LPA) designates Conservation Areas in areas of special architectural or historic interest, to help preserve or enhance their character or appearance. In conservation areas, notice is required for works to trees that have a trunk diameter of more than 75mm when measured at 1.5m from ground level (or

more than 100mm if reducing the number of trees to benefit the growth of the trees) that fall within the designated area. More information on conservation areas is available on the following link -

<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-and-building/conservation-and-heritage/conservation-areas>

There is no separate designation for ancient or veteran trees.

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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Your rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review within the next 40 working days by writing to the Information Management Team at: foi@barnet.gov.uk. Or by post to Information Management Team (FOI) London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, NW9 4EW

If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.