

2 March 2021  
Our ref: 7021932

Thank you for your request received on 15 February 2021, for the following information:

**Please provide me the planning permissions sought for the removal of the tree in Summerside Primary School, Crossways, Finchley at the back of property 97 Woodgrange Avenue. I understand this tree was removed at the request of number 95 Woodgrange Avenue due to subsidence, again I require evidence of this, this action has severely impacted the visual aspect of my property instead of having a noise and visual screen I now am going to have neither of these.**

**Can you please let me know if there is a process for consultation regarding street trees and if there are any applications to remove the tree at number 97 Woodgrange Avenue.**

**Please also provide a method statement and evidence of due diligence, there was much wildlife in that tree.**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **Response**

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below.

***Please provide me the planning permissions sought for the removal of the tree in Summerside Primary School, Crossways, Finchley at the back of property 97 Woodgrange Avenue. I understand this tree was removed at the request of number 95 Woodgrange Avenue due to subsidence, again I require evidence of this, this action has severely impacted the visual aspect of my property instead of having a noise and visual screen I now am going to have neither of these.***

None of the trees standing at or adjacent to the above sites (Summerside Primary School Crossway, London, N12 0QU, 97 Woodgrange Avenue, London, N12 0PT and Street tree in front of 97 Woodgrange Avenue, London, N12 0PT) are/were 'protected' under planning legislation – neither being included in a Tree Preservation Order, nor growing in a Conservation Area. Consequently the treatment (pruning / removal) of the tree(s) would not have required formal consent / notification under planning legislation.

There was no “ *planning permissions sought for the removal of the tree in Summerside Primary School, Crossways, Finchley at the back of property 97 Woodgrange Avenue*” – but no planning/tree preservation consent or notification would be required.

***Can you please let me know if there is a process for consultation regarding street trees and if there are any applications to remove the tree at number 97 Woodgrange Avenue.***

Please see the attached Tree policy for the process of consultation regarding street trees.

No applications have been received requesting the tree removal at 97 Woodgrange Avenue.

***Please also provide a method statement and evidence of due diligence, there was much wildlife in that tree.***

Please contact the school directly for this information, this work was not carried out by the Council's Tree section.

### **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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Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)). There is no charge for making an appeal.