

20 September 2021
Our ref: 7529380

Thank you for your request received on 30 July 2021, for the following information:

I would appreciate it if you could let me have the following information:

In the last two years:

- 1. How many residents have asked for tree work to be done to trees in the public realm i.e. local authority owned trees (felled or thinned etc) due to loss of light to their home**
- 2. How many of those requests have been the subject of tree works and brief details of the circumstances leading to the works.**

I am happy to provide more information if required.

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

Response

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

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The information obtained from our available reporting system shows that we received 23 requests for tree pruning work due to loss of light to the property for the period between 15/09/2019 to 15/09/2021.

- 2. How many of those requests have been the subject of tree works and brief details of the circumstances leading to the works.***

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We have not carried out tree works due to loss of light within the last two years, as according to Barnet's Tree policy. Please see the information below which has been extracted from the attached 'Barnet Tree Policy 2017' document:

Refusal of works

2.9 Tree work will not normally be carried out if it is outside of this Policy. Work to trees will normally be refused if it is requested for the following reasons:

- Interference with satellite dish TV reception
- Residents perception that a tree is too large
- Obstruction of view or light
- Seasonal nuisance (leaf fall, fruit litter, allergies to pollen, nuisance caused by insects or birds)
- Residents' perception that the tree will cause damage in the future
- To replace a healthy mature tree to create space for the planting of new 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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