

London Borough of Barnet
2 Bristol Avenue,
Colindale,
London, NW9 4EW
15 May 2023
Our ref: 9679578

Thank you for your request received on 2 May 2023, for the following information:

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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 trees in Millway and surrounding roads are managed as biennial pollards, that is every second winter we remove all growth in order to moderate their water demand and manage subsidence risk. This kind of management is commonplace across London where these trees were planted to be managed this way, mimicking French pollards that were admired by the Victorians. This work is planned, budgeted and detailed in the attached 'Barnet Tree Policy 2023-28' policy on page 21.

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The contract to carry out this work in this part of Barnet was awarded in 2016 with a value for all tree works up to £1.83m.

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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