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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ05833

Thank you for your request for information relating to trees that have been cut down on Council owned land/highways.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

There has been much debate on the amount of trees currently being cut down on public land/highways. Could you please confirm how many trees have been cut down on council owned land/highways in the last 12 months.

During the last 12 months, 260 trees have been removed across all parks and highways sites.

In total 299 trees have been removed across all land that the city council manages trees, excluding schools.

During the same period, we have planted or ordered the works for winter 2019, to plant 457 replacement or new trees, of all sizes, across all land managed by the city council, excluding schools.

Could you also confirm on what grounds trees are removed as many trees painted with a red dot are then removed even if they appear healthy.

Trees are assessed by the Urban Forestry Officers using the Visual Tree Assessment process to decide on the management techniques required for good health and structural condition. A major defect may exist within the structure of a tree that is not obvious to an untrained or inexperienced eye. We mark the trees requiring works with orange/red paint

dots to identify the trees to our contractor (to prevent any mistake with the wrong tree being removed) and to our Tree Wardens whom we consult with on all trees being felled.

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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