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Dear Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07119

Thank you for your request for information relating to Forestation projects

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. A list of all (or as many major ones that are accessible under compliance limits) tree planting projects that have happened in the area under your jurisdiction since 2015 and any that are planned for the future, which have been acknowledged by the council in official correspondences, strategy documentation or press releases in relation to the council's carbon reduction strategy.

We can confirm that none of our Planning strategies or policies include specific tree planting programmes. However, having reviewed records of tree planting projects, we can offer information on tree felling and subsequent replanting that took place since 2015 across all land managed by the City Council. This is as follows:

	Planted	Felled
2015	No data	No data
2016	40	195
2017	2040	560
2018	358	263
2019	203	434

2020		
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Our Parks team have also confirmed the following Planting Projects:-

- Coundon Hall Sports Ground: Peace Orchard - 200 fruit trees and 600 hedging whips.
- The Longford Fruit Orchard consists of 40 Fruit Trees for the orchard, plus 1,000 whips and 50 standard trees in bordering woodlands. Plus 1,500 whips in the surrounding hedging. Including hedging the total is 1,590 trees.

2. Copies of the official correspondences, strategy documentation or press releases covered by part 1.

There are no strategic documents available that cover part one, however in order to assist you further, you may wish to review 'The Greenspace Strategy' that was recently been published in 2019. This is available at the following link:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/2298/green_space_strategy_2019_-_2024

3. A copy of any planning and strategy documents for the projects covered by part 1, which includes details of who is carrying out a project, how much it costs, where it is taking place and the reasons behind it taking place.

The Urban Forestry Team have no planning or strategic documents that informed the undertaking of all tree planting referred to in part 1. This work is driven by the old street tree policy to replace all trees felled. A new Urban Forestry Strategy will be in consultation soon.

4. Details of any tree-planting projects covered by part 1 that is specifically being used in a carbon offsetting project by the council, where the carbon absorption of trees is being matched with emission of carbon elsewhere.

We do not have any tree planting projects linked to carbon offsetting.

5. Details of any schemes that are in place to ensure the protection of the tree planting projects covered by part 1 - including any guarantees against the risk of them being chopped down, and any guarantees about their being replaced should they die.

No protection measures are in place for the trees listed in part 1. And no guarantees exist for the same.

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Yours faithfully

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