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Dear Sir/Madam

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Climate Emergency Declaration.

You have requested the following information:

1. Do you have a full-time officer solely dedicated to managing your declared climate and/or nature emergency? Yes/No

Coventry City Council has not declared either a Climate Emergency or a Nature Emergency. However, to assist see further details below:

- There are two full-time staff dedicated to Climate Change/Green issues together with project staff. A Climate Strategy is in preparation and will go to public consultation shortly. The document will contain appropriate policies and actions for the whole of the Council.
- There are 2.5 full-time staff dedicated to ecology and Biodiversity Net Gain issues. The Council also provides funding to Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Wildlife Trust for related survey and data support (0.5 FTE)

2. Does your policy/strategy specify that some or all planning applications that could affect trees must include a tree canopy cover assessment as supporting information? Yes/No

No, however the Council does have a number of tree strategies (including a Trees & Development Guidelines) and appropriate planning policies to safeguard trees during development but these do not specifically address canopy cover or require a canopy assessment.

There is one full-time Tree Preservation Officer (Planning) and separate teams to promote and manage street trees and woodland. A comprehensive iTree survey was completed last year (results due shortly), which will be used to increase canopy cover in target areas and overall, within Coventry.

3. Do you have a professional tree officer dedicated to advise on planning applications that could affect existing trees? Yes/No

Yes.

4. Do you have standard planning conditions that specifically require that the supply, planting, and maintenance of new trees must be compliant with BS 8545 (2014) Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations? Yes/No

Yes, we have standard planning conditions for trees which specifically reference BS 8545. E.g.:

“LS2 – Hard and soft landscaping details required:

Prior to the first occupation of the development hereby permitted, details of both hard and soft landscaping works shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. Details of hard landscaping works shall include boundary treatment, including full details of the proposed boundary walls, railings and gates to be erected, specifying the type of bricks and colour of the railings and gates; footpaths; and hard surfacing (which shall be made of porous materials or provision shall be made to direct run-off water from the hard surface to a permeable or porous area). The hard landscaping works shall be completed in strict accordance with the approved details within three months of the first occupation of the [INSERT DEVELOPMENT] hereby permitted; and all planting shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details within the first planting and seeding seasons following the first occupation. Any tree(s) or shrub(s) which within a period of five years from the completion of the development dies, is removed or becomes; in the opinion of the Local Planning Authority; seriously damaged, defective or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with another of similar size and species. All hedging, tree(s) and shrub(s) shall be planted in accordance with British Standard BS 8545:2014 Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape - Recommendations and BS4428 - Code of Practice for General Landscape Operations.”

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Yours faithfully

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