

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA260520-2604

15 June 2020

Dear Sir, Madam

RE: Tree and shrub removal along Wimbledon Park/Southfield area tube tracks

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 22 May 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for:

- a) who is responsible at tfl and has authorised the above mentioned measures?*
- b) what were the exact instructions that have been passed on the contractor?*
- c) who is (i.e. the name of) the contractor who has carried out the measure?*
- d) what are the total costs accumulated by this measure?*

Our response to your request is as follows:

The GLA does not hold the information within scope of your request. Transport for London (TfL) is the Mayor's transport authority and is responsible for implementing the Mayor's Transport Strategy, and for the day-to-day operational running of transport services. I note that you have also sent your request to TfL, should you wish to check the status of your request, they can be contacted via: foi@tfl.gov.uk

Transport for London are legally obliged to run their railway infrastructure safely. This requires clearance of vegetation obscuring cable-runs, fence-lines and signals throughout the year as necessary. Major tree works are also carried out to remove unsafe trees that might fall onto tracks, and to minimise the build-up of leaves on the line which can cause trains to skid when braking. Major tree works are undertaken during the autumn and winter months to avoid environmental harm, unless a tree becomes a serious safety hazard at other times of the year

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely



Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>