

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

Our reference: MGLA190122-1981

Date: 14 February 2022

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 19 January 2022. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for;

- 1. How many trees have been cut down since Sadiq Khan has been the head of the GLA (2016)?*
- 2. How many trees have been planted since Sadiq Khan has been the head of the GLA? (2016)?*

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. We do not hold information that answers this question. The Greater London Authority does not manage most of London's trees which are usually the responsibility of the various site owners and managers. Trees in the public realm are mostly the responsibility of London's 32 boroughs, the City of London and Transport for London (TfL). You can find details of London's boroughs via this page: www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area. For information about the number of trees felled and planted by TfL, you should contact TfL's information access team using FOI@tfl.gov.uk. The GLA does manage Parliament Square Gardens. One tree was felled there in 2017 due to disease, and one replacement tree was planted in the same year.
2. We do not hold information that answers this question. Although not directly in scope of your request, we do hold figures for trees planted in London with funding from Mayoral tree planting programmes and grant schemes, and through GLA regeneration and housing schemes. It also includes trees planted by Transport for London on their TfL Road Network. We hold this information by financial year, and the number of trees planted in each year since 2016 as requested is set out below.

2016-17	43,421
2017-18	25,939
2018-19	106,967
2019-20	108,030
2020-21	68,514
Total:	352,871

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

Yours sincerely

Environment Team (Green Infrastructure)

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

