

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA150118-0446

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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information request

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 12 January 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

- 1) Please state the number of trees planted in London by the GLA, broken down by month, from January 2012 to January 13th 2018.
- 2) Please state the number of trees currently planned for future planting in London by the GLA, broken down by the month they are planned for planting in.

Our response to your request is as follows:

1. *The number of trees planted in London by the GLA, broken down by month, from January 2012 to January 13th 2018.*

The table below outlines the number of trees planted each year from 2011/2012 to March 2017. This includes trees planted:

- Through mayoral tree planting programmes and directly through GLA regeneration and housing schemes.
- By Transport for London through:
 - TfL Road Network programmes
 - Local Implementation Plans (2011-12 and 2012-13 only)
- By members of the London Tree Partnership, which is supported by the GLA, for example planting by the Woodland Trust, and Trees for Cities.

This data is organised according to winter planting seasons (e.g. 2011/2012) rather than by calendar year. Data is recorded in this manner because the majority of tree planting occurs during the winter season from November to March. We do not hold data on planting broken down by month.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
GLA	38,645	16,742	16,238	18,307	26,720	42,248
TfL Road Network net gain (planted less felled)	6	1,050	421	-62	743	1,173
TfL Local Implementation Plans	2,313	3,625				
London Tree Partnership partners	122,311*	59,382	37,442	33,495	13,000	44,264
Total	163,275	80,799	54,101	51,740	40,463	87,685

*N.b. This figure includes 70,000 whips (small trees) distributed by The Woodland Trust through their Diamond Jubilee tree planting campaign in 2012.

Please note that the above figures do not represent all tree planting in London. We do not hold data related to the number of trees planted by local authorities with their own funding, or trees planted by individual home owners, other public bodies, developers or businesses.

2. *Please state the number of trees currently planned for future planting in London by the GLA, broken down by the month they are planned for planting in.*

For the year 2017-18, it is planned to plant 32,260 trees funded through the Mayor's Greener City Community Tree Planting Grant scheme and trees distributed through our free tree packs scheme for community groups with The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). These trees are being planted from November 2017-March 2018. Information about projects supported through the Greener City Fund is also available on a map on our website.

www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/greener-city-fund/greener-city-map

Data on trees planted to date this winter through other GLA programmes, TfL and members of the London Tree Partnership is not yet available.

In addition to the tree numbers listed in the table above, a further 270 trees are planned to be planted through the Greener City Fund Community Green Space Grant funded projects taking place from January-December 2018. We do not hold data about which month these are planned for planting in.

The Mayor has committed to a major tree planting programme over the next three years to ensure that London's urban forest is maintained and expanded. There are currently around 8 million trees in London. The draft London Environment Strategy sets out the Mayor's plans to support tree planting in London. The Mayor's Greener City Fund programme of activities will include Community Tree Planting Grants, supporting woodland creation projects and developing street tree sponsorship.

In addition to this the Mayor will support tree planting through wider regeneration, housing and transport schemes and through his Healthy Streets Approach. We don't have projections for how many trees will be planted through these schemes as it depends what project applications are submitted.

With regard to the day to day management, operational and resourcing aspects of TfL's tree management you should contact TfL's information access team using FOI@tfl.gov.uk

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

Yours sincerely

Katrina Ramsey
Environment

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