

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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Our ref: MGLA060121-3119

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 5 January 2021. Your request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

You asked for;

1. The reasons why the 150-year-old "Tree of the Year 2020" in Hackney had been felled.

Our response to your request is as follows:

The Mayor is doing everything in his power to make London zero-carbon and one of the greenest, most sustainable cities in the world. The Mayor's new London Plan strengthens protections for trees and woodlands in London and states that boroughs should protect veteran trees and woodlands. It goes further than national policy by stating that other trees of value should be retained wherever possible, and that if planning permission is granted that necessitates the removal of trees there should be adequate replacement based on the existing value of the benefits of the trees removed. You can read the full policy (Policy G7) in the Intend to Publish version of the new London Plan here:

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/intend_to_publish_-_clean.pdf).

Currently 21% of London is under tree canopy, and the Mayor has set a target to increase this by 10% by 2050. The Mayor has already supported the planting of over 280,000 trees in London since 2016. Funding has been committed to plant a further 130,000 trees over the next two winters, which includes two new accessible woodlands in London's Green Belt, and 5,000 new street trees. You can read more about the Mayor's plans to increase London's tree canopy here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/trees-and-woodlands>

The removal of the "Tree of the Year", known as "The Happy Man Tree", was part of a planning application for Woodberry Down, Phase 3, submitted by Berkeley Homes. Hackney Council resolved to approve the application, which was then referred to the Mayor as an application of potential strategic importance to London.

The Mayor decided that he was content to allow the local planning authority, in this case Hackney Council, to take the decision on the case itself (subject to any action that the Secretary of State might take) and did not wish to direct the local planning authority to refuse the case or to take over the application. You can read more about the Mayor's planning powers here:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/planning-applications-and-decisions/what-powers-does-mayor-have-planning-applications>

This decision was taken on 26 October 2020, and you can see the details of the relevant report here (including paragraphs 40 – 42 relating to the "Happy Man tree"):

<https://gla.force.com/pr/s/planning-application/a0i4J000002RouvQAC/20206116>. Across the development, 18 trees will be removed, with 175 new trees planted. The Section 106 agreement also secures a £175,000 payment towards replacement tree planting and maintenance, based on the value of the Happy Man Tree.

2. "exactly how many trees you have had planted in each of the London Boroughs and which businesses, schools and colleges have been involved?"

Our response to your request is as follows:

- a) Please find in Appendix A below a table outlining the number of trees planted by borough that have been funded by the Mayor since 2016. This includes trees planted through Mayoral tree planting programmes and grant schemes, directly through GLA regeneration and housing schemes, and by Transport for London. The range in the number of trees funded across different boroughs is due to differences in the number of grant applications received, available planting space, and the type of project (for example a single woodland creation project could plant several thousand trees).

These figures do not represent all trees planted in London, and we do not hold data related to the number of trees planted by local authorities with their own funding, or trees planted by individual homeowners, other public bodies, developers or businesses.

- b) Please find in Appendix B a list of organisations, including businesses, local authorities, community groups, schools and colleges, who have either received grant funding from the Mayor to plant trees, or have received free trees through giveaway schemes funded by the Mayor since 2016.

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

Yours sincerely



Senior Policy and Programmes Officer, Environment

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

Appendix A: trees planted by borough

Borough	Total planted 2016-17 to 2019-20	Total to be planted with funding committed for in 20-21 and 21-22
Barking and Dagenham	14231	127
Barnet	4151	99
Bexley	7024	520
Brent	4302	118
Bromley	6142	0
Camden	6070	100
City of London	819	0
Croydon	4651	820
Ealing	49751	476
Enfield	7563	100000
Greenwich	11092	106
Hackney	6509	1308
Hammersmith and Fulham	3351	0
Haringey	4996	618
Harrow	3088	74
Havering	13913	24030
Hillingdon	2944	0
Hounslow	4855	10
Islington	3271	0
Kensington and Chelsea	1528	12
Kingston upon Thames	3583	44
Lambeth	6689	847
Lewisham	20692	228
Merton	5812	8
Newham	12470	1518
Redbridge	33786	200
Richmond upon Thames	3196	123
Southwark	5929	151
Sutton	4771	164
Tower Hamlets	4304	287
Waltham Forest	6317	25
Wandsworth	3712	0
Westminster	1431	96
Borough not known ¹	14144	0
Total	287087	132109

NB: The range in the number of trees funded across different boroughs is due to differences in the number of grant applications received, available planting space, and the type of project (for example a single woodland creation project could plant several thousand trees).

¹ 'Borough not known' includes trees planted through London-wide projects and giveaways, or where data is not held.

Appendix B: Organisations that have planted trees funded by the Mayor since 2016

1st Grange Park Guides	Blythe Hill Action Group
1st Place Children & Parents Centre	Bountagu Big Local
4th Enfield Scout Group	Boutcher Primary School
Abbey Road Nursery	Brandlehow Primary School
Abundance London	Brindishe Green School
Affinity Sutton Community Foundation	Brockwell Park Community Greenhouses
Air Quality Brentford	Brockwell Park Community Partners
Alderbrook Primary School	Bromley Green Gym
Aldersbrook Primary School	Broomfield School
Alexander McLeod Primary School	Buchan Tenants and Residents Association
Alexandra Park and Palace Charitable Trust	Buckingham Primary School
Alexandra School	Burlington Junior School
Alice Model Nursery School	Burnt Ash Primary School
Ambition Aspire Achieve	Cable Street Community Gardens
Ambler Primary School	Camden Green Gym
Approach Gardens	Canal and Commercial Residents Association
Archbishop Sumner Church of England Primary School	Canbury Community Trust
Archfield Allotment Society	Carey Gardens Co-op
Ark Atwood Primary Academy	Central Saint Martins, University of Arts London
Arnhem Wharf Primary School	Charles Darwin School
ASL Scout Troop 401	Charlotte Sharman Primary School
Avant-Gardening	Chaston Nursery and Pre-preparatory School
B48 Community Garden	Chater House Tenants Association
Bacon Street Gardening Club	Childeric Primary School
Balgowan School	Chingford Foundation School
Balham Nursery School and Children's Centre	Chisenhale Primary School
Bancroft's School	Chiswick High Road Action Group
Bandstand Beds Association	Chiswick Methodist Church
Bankside Open Spaces Trust	Chiswick Village Residents
Barbican Wildlife Garden	Christ Church Primary School
Bark & Elm	Christopher Hatton School
Barnwood N2	Churchfields Primary School
Barrow Hedges Primary School	City of London Corporation
Battersea Dogs and Cats Home	City of Westminster
Be Wilder Education	Clapton Girls' Academy
Beavers Community Primary School	Clarendon Secondary Centre
Bedfont Primary School	Cleaner Greener Wanstead
Bedfont Sports Club	Coasts for Life
BeeUrban	Cobourg Primary School
Belmont Primary	Collingwood Tenants and Residents Association
Bence House Tenants Residents Association	Columbia Market Nursery School
Benedict Primary School	Columbia School
Bensham Manor School	Company Drinks
Bermondsey Community Kitchen	Concordia Academy
Betty Layward Primary School	Coombe Hill Junior School
Big Local South Bermondsey Green Team	Cordwainers Grow
Birkbeck Primary School	Cranmer Primary School
Blackheath Rugby Club	Cressfield Council Estate
Bloomsbury Air - Falcon Courtyard Project	

Crofton Park & Honor Oak Park
Neighbourhood Forum
Crystal Palace Transition Town
Dalmain Primary School
Danegrove Primary School
Danson Primary School
Daubeney Fields Forever
Daubeney Primary School
De Beauvoir Primary School
Delawyk Residents Management
Organisation
Deptford Folk
Deptford Park Primary School
D'Eynsford TMO
Discovery Primary School
Dog Kennel Hill Primary School
Downham Matters
Downlands Trust
Dulwich Hamlet Junior School
Dulwich Park Friends
Dulwich Prep School
Durand Gardens Association
Ealing Common Society
Ealing Village Residents
Ealing Wildlife Group
Ealing's Forgotten Spaces
Earlham Primary School
East Greenwich Pleasaunce
East West Bank Nature Reserve Volunteers
Eastwood Nursery School Centre for
Children & Families
Edensor Garden Group
Edgware Parochial Church Council
Edward Pauling Primary School
Elm House Association
Energy Garden
Environmental Action Coney Hall (EACH)
Ewart Road Housing Co-op Ltd
Exit Map
Family Support
FARRG (Friends of Albert Road Recreation
Ground)
Feltham In Bloom
Fentiman Rd & Richborne Terrace Residents
Association
Ferry Quays Community Gardeners
FJ Tree Planters
Forestdale Primary School
Forty Hill CE Primary School
Foulds Primary School PTA
Fourth Reserve Conservation Trust
Fox Primary School

Frampton Park Tenants and Residents
Association
Friends of Alderbrook Park
Friends of Alexandra Park
Friends of Archbishop's Park
Friends of Avery Hill Park
Friends of Bedfont Lakes Country Park
Friends of Belhus Country Park
Friends of Berrylands Nature Reserve
Friends of Brook Green
Friends of Broomfield Park
Friends of Burgess Park
Friends of Canal Basin
Friends of Chestnut Park
Friends of Churchfields
Friends of Clapham Common
Friends of Coldharbour Open Spaces
Friends of Conway Recreational Park
Friends of Dagnam Park
Friends of Downham Woodland Walk
Friends of Downhills Park
Friends of East Wickham Open Space
Friends of Elmhurst Gardens
Friends of Eltham Parks
Friends of Frensbury Gardens
Friends of Gooshays Village Green
Friends of Grangewood Park
Friends of Harvard Hill
Friends of Henry Maynard Primary School
Friends of Higham Hill Park
Friends of Holbeach
Friends of Horsenden Hill
Friends of Ion Square
Friends of Kingston Road Recreation
Ground
Friends of Lake Farm Country Park
Friends of Leyton Jubilee Park
Friends of Margravine Cemetery
Friends of Maryon and Maryon Wilson Parks
Friends of Meath Gardens
Friends of Mill Hill Park
Friends of Minet Country Park
Friends of Mountsfield Park
Friends of Murray Park
Friends of Oaks Park
Friends of Parklands
Friends of Railway Fields
Friends of Rockcliffe Gardens
Friends of Russia Dock Woodland
Friends of South Norwood Country Park
Friends of Stamford Hill
Friends of Telegraph Hill Park
Friends of the Canons

Friends of the Manual Instruction Centre
Community Garden
Friends of the River Roding
Friends of Tiverton Green
Friends of Ufford Street Gardens
Friends of Upminster Park
Friends of Wormholt Park
Gale St Organic Gardeners Association
Gearies Primary School
George Mitchell Primary School
Gnome House CIC
Golden Lane Campus
Goose Green School
Goresbrook Primary School
Grange Park Infant and Nursery School
Grasmere Primary School
Great Brownings Residents Association
Green Street Green Primary School
Greenland Dock
Greenway Avenue Community Garden
Grosvenor Court Residents Association
Groundwork London
Grove Park Group
Grow N22: Friends of Westbury Banks
Nature Reserve
Halley House School
Hammersmith Community Gardens
Association
Hampden Way Nursery School
Hampton Wick Infant & Nursery School
Hanger Hill Garden Estate Residents
Association
Harris Academy Beckenham
Harris Academy Merton
Harris Girls' Academy Bromley
Harrow Federation of Tenants and
Residents Association
Harrow Nature Conservation Forum
Haseley End Residents Gardening Group
Hatfield Primary School
Hayes Primary School
Headcorn Resident and Tenant Association
Healing the Land Project
Heartlands Community Trust
Heavers Farm Primary School
Higham Road Allotments
Highgate Junior School
Highlands Phase 1 Residents Association
Hillside Close Management Ltd
Hither Green Station Embankments
HMP Wormwood Scrubs
Holy Trinity CE Primary School

Honeybun Tenants and Residents
Association
Horn Park Friends
Hounslow Heath Green Gym
Hugh Myddelton Primary School
Hungerford Primary School
Huxbear Street Community Garden
Ingrebourne Valley Ltd
Invicta Primary School
John Burns Primary School
John Scurr Primary School
Jone Donne Primary School
Jubilee High School
Just Solutions 123...
Kemnal Park Cemetery
Kenmore Park Junior School
Kensal Green Residents Association
Kent House Parent Teacher's Association
Keys Meadow Primary School
Kings College London
Kingsmead Residents Association
Kingston University Biodiversity Action
Group
Koininia Federation
Lancaster Court Garden
Lansbury Lawrence Primary School
Lark Hall Primary School
LBN Forest Gate Community
Neighbourhood
Lions Club International District 105a Zone
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Little Angel's Day Nursery
Lockner Estate Residents Association
London Borough of Barking and Dagenham
London Borough of Barnet
London Borough of Bexley
London Borough of Brent
London Borough of Camden
London Borough of Croydon
London Borough of Ealing
London Borough of Enfield
London Borough of Hackney
London Borough of Haringey
London Borough of Harrow
London Borough of Havering
London Borough of Hillingdon
London Borough of Hounslow
London Borough of Islington
London Borough of Lambeth
London Borough of Lewisham
London Borough of Newham
London Borough of Redbridge

London Borough of Richmond upon
Thames
London Borough of Southwark
London Borough of Sutton
London Borough of Tower Hamlets
London Borough of Waltham Forest
London Borough of Wandsworth
London College of Fashion
London Early Years Foundation
London Wildlife Trust
Loughborough Estate Management Board
Lower Regents Coalition
Loxford School
Magnolia Garden Project
Manford Primary School
Manford Way Green Space Community
Group
Manor Park Friends
Marlborough School
Marner Primary school
Mayfield School
Mayplace Primary School
Merton Court School
Metro Charity
Metropolitan Police Cadets of Bexley
Mindin Enfield
Monkey Puzzle Angel
Netley Primary School
New River Green Children's Centre
Newham Green Gym
NewhamClimateNow
NHTRA
North Beckton Primary School
North Brent Park Forum
Northfield House TRA
Nursery on the Green
Oakbridge SEN Education
Oakdale Junior School
Oaklands School
Oaks and Acorns in Harmony
Oasis Academy Byron
Oasis Community Hub Hadley
Octopus Community Network
Old Church Nursery School
Old Ford Primary School
Old Palace Primary School
Oliver Thomas Nursery School
One Tree Close Residents Group
Open University
Orchard Hill College and Academy Trust
Our Barn Community
Overgrow East
PADI

Park Academy West London
Pavilion Study Center
Peabody Trust
Peareswood Primary School
Pelham Primary School
Penge Green Gym Community Group
People for Portland Road
Petersham and Ham Sea Scouts
Phoenix Futures Trust
Pinewood Scout Centre
Plaistow South Big Local
Plastic Free Hackney
Point Wharf Gardening Volunteers
Portway Primary School
Primrose Hill Community Library
Prospect Walk Allotment Association
Putney Community Gaedens
Queens Park Gardens
Queensbridge Primary School
Queensland Road Residents Association
Ravenscourt Wild
Ravenstone Primary School
Regent High School
Repowering London
RHACC
Richmond Green Gym
Ridgeway Park
Riffel Road Residents Association
Roe Green Resident Association
Roman Road Trust
Rosedale College
Rosemead Prep School
Rosetta Primary School
Royal Borough of Greenwich
Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames
Royal Docks Adventure
Royal Docks Learning & Activity Centre
Ruislip Residents Association
Russell Road Residents Group
Rutherford House School
Rutland Court Residents Garden Team
Salisbury Primary School
Sanderstead Plantation Partners
Sceaux Gardens Tenants and Residents
Association
Seeds for Growth
Selby Centre
Serps Swim Club
Setchell Estate Tenants & Residents
Association
Sidney Boyd Court TRA
Single Homeless Project

Skills and Care Greenwich
Slade Gardens Adventure Playground
Snaresbrook Estate
South Kenton and Preston Park Residents Association (SKPPRA)
Southall Transition
Southwark Park Estate TRA
Spa School
St Anselm's Catholic Primary School
St Augustine's High School
St Bede's Infant School
St George's Fields
St James's Church
St John at Hackney Church
St Joseph's Primary School
St Luke with Holy Trinity Church
St Luke's Charlton Parochial Church Council
St Luke's Primary School
St Margaret's Montessori
St Mark's Academy
St Mary Magdalene CE Primary School
St Mary's CoE Primary School
St Mungos
St Paul's and All Hallows' School
St Paul's Church Community Garden
St Paul's CoE Primary School
St Peter's Eaton Square C of E Primary
St Peter's Estate PRA
St Richard Reynolds Catholic College
St Thomas More Catholic Primary School
Star Primary School
Stonebridge Lock Coalition
Stormont House School
Strand on the Green Junior School
Streatham Common Community Garden
Streatham Common Cooperative
Streatham Manor Gardens
Sunnyside Community Gardens
Sunshine of Hounslow
Sustainable Merton
Sutton Grammar School
Sutton Nature Conservation Volunteers
SW9 Metropolitan Barring Road
Sydenham Garden
Tamworth Farm Allotment Society
TCV
Teesdale and Hollybush TRA
Thames 21
Thames Chase Trust
The Arundel Project
The Charter Educational Trust
The Children's House Upper School
The Clitterhouse Farm Project

The Community Brain
The Crown and Co
The Faiths Forum for London
The Friends of Danson Park
The Friends of Harrow Weald Recreation Ground
The Friends of River Shuttle
The Grey Coat Hospital
The Greycoat Hospital School
The Grove Nursery School
The Groves Residents Association
The Harington Scheme
The Island Triangle Residents Association
The Kendle Resident's Association
The Larks Community Garden
The Mount Stewart Schools
The Nursery on the Green
The Olden Community Garden Project
The Orchard Project
The Study Prep Wimbledon
The Tree Council
The Waste-Less Market CIC
The Wilderness
The William Hogarth School
Thomas Gamueal Primary School
Thomson House School
Thornhill Houses Residents Association
Thornhill Square Association
Tooting Community Garden
Tower Gardens Tenants and Residents
Transition Ilford and Vine
Trees for Cities
Trinity Church Toddler Club
Tudor Estate Residents Association
Twickenham School
Tybalds Estate TRA
Universal Language
Urban Growth Learning Gardens
Urban Wilderness Community Garden
Usurp Art
Uxbridge Green Gym
Van Gogh Primary School
Vauban Estate TRA
Victor Seymour Infant School
Victoria Crescent
Walpole Residents Association
Walthamstow Tree Group
Warren Road Primary School
Waterside Close Residents
Wealdstone Traders Association
WeAreWaterloo
Webheath TRA

Wembley Central and Alperton Residents
Association
Wendell Park Gardening Friends
Wentworth Nursery School and Children's
Centre
WERFA
West Acton Primary School
Westerley Ware Community Garden
Association
Westway Trust
Whitehall Park School
Wildlife Gardeners of Haggerston
William Bellamy Primary School
Willmore End Residents Association
Willow Bank Primary School
Wise Lane Allotment Society
Woburn Close
Wolf Fields Urban Nature Reserve
Woodland Trust
Woodmansterne School
Woodside Allotments & Leisure Gardens
Woodside School
Wren Academy
Wrythe Memorial Events
Wycombe Friends
Wyke Estate TMO
Yeading Infant School
Yourspace Sutton
Zone E - Lions Club International District
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