

Dear

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 30 May 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

Page 64 of the Mayors manifesto states that he will 'Embark on a major tree-planting programme across London'.

*Can you please advise me;*

*1 As to how many trees have been planted todate?*

*2 Which locations i.e. by Boroughs?*

*3 What is the roll out plan for the remainder of his Mayoralty?*

Our response to your request is as follows:

#### **1) How many trees have been planted to date?**

The Mayor made available £750,000 in his first year of office, which supported the planting of 41,356 trees in streets, parks and woodlands in London this winter. This was despite the 2016/17 budget he inherited from the former Mayor not including any funds for tree-planting at all.

Please also see: [www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/trees-and-woodlands/tree-planting-grants](http://www.london.gov.uk/WHAT-WE-DO/environment/parks-green-spaces-and-biodiversity/trees-and-woodlands/tree-planting-grants)

In addition to the trees planted directly through the Greater London Authority's grant programmes, a further 45,954 trees have been planted since May 2016 including:

\* 1173 trees planted by TfL, this does not include trees funded through the borough LIP programme for which 2016-17 monitoring figures will be available in July.

\* 517 trees have been planted by through the GLA's Housing and Regeneration schemes.

\* 44,264 trees have been planted through the London Tree Partnership (e.g. Woodland Trust tree packs to schools and community groups and TCV tree packs).

I'm afraid the GLA doesn't 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) Which locations i.e. by Boroughs?**

We only hold this information for the trees planted through GLA grant funding. The borough breakdown for those trees is as follows:

#### **Mayor's Tree Planting Grants Year 2016-2017**

Barking and Dagenham 5109\*

Barnet 107

Bexley 97

Brent 386

Bromley 200

Camden

City of London

Croydon 200

Ealing 21030\*

Enfield  
Greenwich 10  
Hackney 343  
Hammersmith and Fulham 200  
Haringey 234  
Harrow  
Havering 250  
Hillingdon 182  
Hounslow  
Islington 34  
Kensington and Chelsea  
Lambeth  
Lewisham 12450\*  
Merton  
Newham  
Redbridge 86  
Richmond upon Thames 100  
Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames  
Southwark 12  
Sutton 211  
Tower Hamlets 46  
Waltham Forest  
Wandsworth  
Westminster City Council 51  
Borough not known 18

**Total GLA funded 41,356**

\*N.b. these totals include planting of small trees (whips) as part of woodland creation projects. These totals do not include the following projects: 480 trees being planted in Lambeth, which will be completed this autumn; 660 trees being planted by The Conservation Foundation through the Trees for Sacred Spaces project which are being planted in every borough, where tree distribution is ongoing and full location based monitoring information has yet to be received.

### **3) What is the roll out plan for the remainder of his Mayoralty?**

The Mayor will be making a further £5 million available over the next 4 years to support the planting of hundreds of thousands more trees to help make London even greener. This will include supporting further tree planting this autumn/winter (trees are usually planted between November and March). Please be aware that Londoners will be consulted on the draft Environment Strategy this summer. This includes proposals to increase tree cover across the capital by 2050. This will require many more trees to be planted, and to achieve this, the Mayor will require the support of central government, businesses, environmental charities and individuals.

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

Yours sincerely

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