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My Ref: IL
Your Ref: 1-719807188

Please ask for: John Satchwell
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Date: 30 September 2015

Dear Mr Carroll

Thank you for your freedom of information request.

Please see the response to your questions below

- (i) I am requesting a list of Sandwell sites where egg pricking of Canada goose eggs was carried out in 2015, the number of nests identified and eggs pricked at each site.

Sites	Number Of Nests 2015	Total Eggs Treated 2015
Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich	9	51
Hydes Road, Wednesbury	1	5
Redhouse Park, West Bromwich	1	5
Smethwick Hall, Smethwick	1	4
Victoria Park Tipton	6	34
Victoria Park Smethwick	2	12
West Smehwick Park	2	8
Forge Mill	22	141
Swan Pool	4	18

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(ii) Any recorded information/evidence that you hold which confirms that Canada goose numbers have increased at sites in Sandwell's formal parks since 1997 when a policy was put in place to control numbers by Countryside rangers pricking the eggs.

Sites	Number Of Nests 2013	Total Eggs Treated 2013	Number Of Nests 2014	Total Eggs Treated 2014
Dartmouth Park, West Bromwich	6	29	3	10
Hydes Road, Wednesbury	1	4	0	0
Redhouse Park, West Bromwich	2	7	2	8
Smethwick Hall, Smethwick	2	7	1	5
Victoria Park Tipton	2	12	2	8
Victoria Park Smethwick	6	21	4	15
West Smethwick Park	2	7	1	4

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(iii) Could you please supply me with a full list of the organisations that you have sent copies of the questionnaire "Canada geese management survey 2015" for both Victoria park Tipton and Dartmouth Park West Bromwich and how many copies of each you have sent to these organisations.

Organisation Names	Copies
Tipton	
Swan Watch	20
Friends of Victoria Park	20
Victoria Park Bowls Club	10
Tipton United U13's	15
Sandwell Cricket League	15
Dartmouth	
Volunteer Gardeners	15
Valley Cycles	15
Dartmouth Park Friends	20
RSPB	20
Sandwell Visually Impaired	10

The letter states more copies are available on request

(iv) In February a "statement of purpose" was drawn up by the head of Neighbourhoods Adrian Scarrott concerning management of Canada geese for consultation. Can you explain why this has not been carried forward for consultation and who within the council approved the survey questionnaire? I cannot find any evidence of this on the council's website currently, so could you provide me with the minutes at the meeting where it was approved?

The statement of purpose has been included in the organisation survey which you will be able to verify on the surveys that have been sent to Swan Watch question 7.

We do not hold records of approvals with regards to the consultation documents.

The cabinet member has approved the consultation documents.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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