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By email: [request-801318-40387a4b@whatdotheyknow.com](mailto:request-801318-40387a4b@whatdotheyknow.com) 8 December 2021

Dear Marie Milet,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Consultation Responses for the Tree Strategy**

Thank you for your request for information of 11 November 2021 about the consultation responses for the Tree Strategy. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

*A list of all respondents to the following consultations.*

*1. "Developing a tree strategy for England" which ran from June-September 2020.*

Please see attached Annex C. After careful consideration, we have decided that names of individuals who responded to the consultation should be withheld under regulations 12(3) and 13(1) and (2A) of the EIRs as the information constitutes personal data relating to persons other than you.. These regulations exempt personal information from disclosure if that information relates to someone other than the applicant, and if disclosure of that information would breach any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We consider that disclosure of this information is likely to breach the first data protection principle, which provides that personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly, and in a transparent manner. Disclosure would not constitute 'fair' processing of the personal data because the information relates to members of the public who are not public facing officials and that they would not have expected their names to be made public.

Information disclosed in response to this EIRs request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the EIRs and the government's Transparency Agenda,



this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk), together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Jo Collinge**  
**Information Rights Team**

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

### **Complaints**

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The ICO can be contacted using the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/>

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## **Annex C**

### **List of Organisations who responded to the England Tree Strategy Consultation**

10-4incLtd  
9Trees Carbon Offsetting CIC  
A voluntary group supported by Town Council  
Abbeylands  
Affiliated researcher, University of Cambridge  
Alaska Ecological Contracting Ltd  
ALGAO Countryside Committee  
All Party Parliamentary Group on Forestry and Tree Planting  
Allestree Woodlands School  
Alnwick Area Friends of the Earth  
Amphibian and Reptile Conservation  
Ancient Tree Forum  
Arbor Cultural Ltd.  
Arboricultural Association  
Architects Climate Action Network  
Argyle Woodland Management LLP  
Arup  
Association for Renewable Energy & Clean Technology  
Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning & Transport  
Association of Drainage Authorities  
Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers  
Association of Tree Officers  
Baildon Tree Partnership  
BAM Construct UK Ltd  
Bangor University  
Bangor University, Forestry Teaching and Research Group  
Bat Conservation Trust

Bath and North East Somerset Council  
Beaver Trust  
Bedford Borough Council  
Bellamy Rural  
Bernard Dru Oak  
Bewcastle Heritage Society  
Bexhill Environmental Group  
BioCap Limited  
BioDiversity International Ltd  
Birchfield Community Primary school  
Birmingham City Council  
Birmingham Friends of the Earth  
Birmingham Trees for Life  
Bluebell farms ltd, Innovation for Agriculture/RASE, Abacus Agriculture  
Border Woodlands  
Borough of Broxbourne  
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council  
Braintree District Council  
Brendan Stagg Consultancy Group  
Brentwood Borough Council  
Bridgwater and Taunton College  
Bridport Tree Planting (affiliated with Beaminster Tree planting group)  
Bristol City Council  
British Beekeepers Association  
British Christmas Tree Growers  
British Conservation Alliance  
British Horse Society  
British Lichen Society  
British Mountaineering Council  
Broadland Tree Warden Network, The Tree Council  
BROADOAK SAND & GRAVEL CO. LTD  
Broadstairs Town Council and Kent Tree and Pond Wardens  
Brockham Parish Council  
BSW Timber Ltd  
Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership  
Buckinghamshire Council  
Buckinghamshire Council, Environment & Climate Change  
Bude Friends of the Earth  
Bumblebee Conservation Trust  
Butterfly Conservation  
Cambridge City Council  
Cambridge Conservation Initiative  
Campaign for National Parks  
Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), Hertfordshire  
Campaign to Protect Rural Henfield  
Camps Environmental Services Ltd  
Central Association of Agricultural Valuers  
Centre for Natural Material Innovation, Department of Architecture, University of Cambridge

Chair of the Rural Panel of the Landscape Institute.  
Charlton Kings Parish Council  
Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management  
Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation  
Chatsworth Settlement Trustees  
Cheshire East Council  
Chester and District Friends of the Earth  
Cheviot Trees Ltd  
Chew Valley Plants Trees  
Chichester District Council  
Chilterns Conservation Board  
Church of England  
City of Trees  
CLA (Country Land & Business Association)  
Climate Action Menston  
Climate Action Preston  
Coach in Nature Ltd  
Co-forest  
College Valley Estates Ltd  
Community Forest Trust  
Confor  
Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit  
Cornwall Catchment Partnership  
Cornwall Council  
Corsham Town Council  
Cotswolds Conservation Board  
Country Land and Business Association  
Countryside Commission  
County Councils Network  
Coventry City Council  
Coventry Tree Warden Network.  
CPRE  
CPRE Essex  
CPRE Gloucestershire  
Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty  
Cranfield University  
Crawley Borough Council  
Crops for Energy Ltd  
Crown Tree Consultancy  
Cumbria County Council  
Cuxton Countryside Group  
Cycling UK  
Dangstein Conservancy  
Darlington Forest Project  
Dart Tree Consultancy  
David Archer Associates  
David Jarvis Associates Ltd  
Davidson & Robertson Rural Surveyors & Consultants

Delphi International Ltd  
Denton South neighbourhood planning forum  
Derbyshire County Council  
Devon and Cornwall Tree Officers Group  
Devon Countryside Access Forum  
Devon County Council  
Devon Forestry Consultants  
Devon Wildlife Trust  
Dorset AONB Partnership  
Dorset Catchment Partnerships  
Dorset Council  
Dorset Local Nature Partnership  
Dorset Wildlife Trust  
Dry Stone Walling Association of Great Britain  
Dudley MBC Regeneration and Enterprise  
Durham County Council  
Earley Town Council  
Earthstars Education and Play Community Interest Company  
East Devon Beekeepers  
East Dorset Environment Partnership  
East England Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committee  
East Hampshire District Council  
East Midlands Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committees  
East Riding of Yorkshire and Kingston upon Hull Joint Local Access Forum  
East Sussex Highways  
EDF Energy  
Edwin Thompson LLP  
EGGER (UK) Ltd  
Emeritus University of Sussex  
en-form  
En-form, Colchester  
Englands Community Forest Partnership  
Entrade  
Environment Agency  
Environmental Charity  
Epping forest District Council  
Essex Beekeepers' Association  
Essex County Council  
Excelerate Resources Ltd  
Exmoor National Park Authority  
Farm Woodland Forum  
Farnham Biodiversity Partnership  
Feedback Global  
Feering & Kelvedon Wildlife Group  
Finchampstead Parish Council  
Floodplain Meadows Partnership  
Folkestone & Hythe District Council  
Forest and Land Ltd

Forest Carbon Ltd  
Forest Creation Partners  
Forest of Avon Trust  
Forest of Bowland AONB  
Forest of Selwood Community Interest Company  
Forest Research  
Forest School Association  
Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) UK  
Forestry Climate Change Working Group  
Forestry Commission  
Forestry Commission SW Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committee  
Forestry Sector Joint Response (Institute of Chartered Foresters, Confor and Royal Forestry Society)  
Forestry Skills Forum  
Forus Tree  
Foskett willows Ltd  
Fountains Forestry UK Ltd  
FPCR Environment and Design Ltd  
Friends of Biss Meadows Country Park  
Friends of Carrington Moss  
Friends of Crow Nest Park  
Friends of Ladybrook Valley LNR (Ancient Woodland)  
Friends of Priors Hill Copse  
Friends of the Dales  
Friends of the Earth  
Friends Of The Earth Chester & District  
Friends of the Lake District  
FSC UK  
Future Trees Trust  
FutureArk Ltd.  
Fylde Borough Council  
Game & Wildlife Conservation Trust  
Gardens Trust  
Gareth James Landscapes  
Gateshead Council  
Gloucestershire County Council  
Greater Lincolnshire Nature Partnership  
Greater London Authority  
Green Dreams Landscape Architects  
GreenBlue Urban  
Greener Every Day  
Greener Henley  
Greening Garforth  
Groundwork UK  
Grown in Britain  
Guildford Borough Council  
Hammersmith and Fulham Friends of the Earth/Climate Action Group  
Hampshire County Council  
Hampshire County Council - Highways

Hankinson Duckett Associates  
Hanson Quarry Products  
Harborough Woodland Community Volunteers  
Harvey Shopfitters Limited  
Harwich Peninsula Friends of the Earth  
Hastings Borough Council  
Hatch Warren Nature Group (Basingstoke)  
Hayle Park Nature Reserve  
Heal Rewilding  
Heartwood Community Woodfuel Group  
Hereford Friends of the Earth  
Herefordshire Friends of the Earth  
Herefordshire Meadows  
Herefordshire Tree Warden Network  
Hertfordshire County Council  
Hertfordshire CPRE  
Heyne Tillett Steel  
HEYwoods  
High Peak Borough Council  
High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit  
Hillingdon Friends of the Earth  
Historic England  
Home Builders Federation  
Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership  
Hull and East Yorkshire Local Nature Partnership  
Hull City Council  
Hull Friends of the Earth  
Humane Being  
Huntingdonshire District Council  
ICF/ Confor/ RFS one pager  
Imperial College London  
Institute for Chartered Foresters  
International Tree Foundation  
Isis Forestry Limited  
J & A Growers Ltd  
Jack Pine Trees Ltd  
Jenks Oxford Ltd  
John Muir Trust  
Keele University  
Keep it Wild Community Interest Company  
Kent County Council  
Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit  
King's College London and International Tree Foundation  
LAFs  
Lake District National Park Authority  
Lancashire Wildlife Trust  
Lancaster Group of the Ramblers' Association  
Lancing Parish Council (West Sussex)

Landscape Insitute  
Landscape Professionals (Defra Group)  
Leeds City Council  
Leeds Friends of the Earth  
Leicestershire County Council  
Leonie Cooper London Assembly Labour  
Lewes District Council  
Lewes Urban Arboretum, (Trees Committee of Friends of Lewes)  
Lichfield District Council  
Lincolnshire Wolds Joint Advisory Committee  
Little Abington Parish Council  
Local Authority  
Local Authority - District Council  
Lockhart Garratt Limited  
London Assembly Labour Group  
London Borough of Camden  
London Brough of Tower Hamlets  
London Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committees.  
London Tree Officers Association  
Longleat Forestry  
LUC (Land Use Consultants)  
Luton Council  
Maatreyee Agro Forestry  
Maidstone Borough Council  
Manchester Friends of the Earth  
Maydencroft ltd  
Meiloci Landscape Architects  
Mendip Bridleways & Byways Association  
Mersey Forest  
Miller Land Management  
Millward Forestry Ltd  
Milton Keynes Council  
Mineral Products Association  
Ministry of Defence  
MJC Tree Services Limited  
Moor Trees  
Morecambe Bay Conservation Grazing Company  
MSC Naturally  
National Association of AONBs  
National Farmers Union  
National Federation Of Young Farmers' Clubs  
National Forest Company  
National Gamekeepers' Organisation  
National institute of Agricultural Botany  
National Parks England  
National School of Forestry, University of Cumbria  
National Sheep Association  
National Trust

Natural England  
Natural History Museum  
Nature Capital  
Nature Friendly Farming Network  
Nature New Mills (High Peak)  
NDC Certification Services Ltd  
Network Rail  
Newark and Sherwood District Council  
Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council  
Newton Rigg College  
Nicholson Nurseries Ltd and Forest Canopy Foundation (Joint Response)  
Nicholsons Plants, Forestry and Landscapes  
NNFCC Limited  
North Devon UNESCO World Biosphere Partnership  
North East England and Yorkshire and The Humber, Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committees.  
North East England Nature Partnership  
North Kesteven District Council  
North Pennines AONB Partnership  
North West Forestry and Woodlands Advisory Committee  
North York Moors National Park Authority  
North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Partnership  
North Yorkshire County Council  
Northamptonshire Beekeepers Association  
Northern Farmers and Landowners Group  
Northumberland County Council  
Northumberland National Park Authority  
Northumbrian Water  
Nottingham City Council  
Nottingham Friends of the Earth  
Oakbank Game & Conservation Ltd  
Open Spaces Society  
Optimis Consulting  
Orchards East and Suffolk Traditional Orchard Group (STOG)  
Organic Research Centre  
OVO Energy  
Oxford Brookes University  
Oxford City Council  
Oxford Friends of the Earth  
Oxfordshire County Council, Environment and Heritage Group  
Peak District National Park Authority  
PEFC UK Ltd  
Penfolds Woodland Management Ltd  
Pennine Forestry Ltd  
Petra Billings Woodland Consultancy Ltd  
Phoenix Community Housing  
PlantLife  
Plymouth Tree Partnership  
Portsmouth City Council - Planning Policy

Portsmouth Friends of the Earth  
Rainbow Professional Ltd  
Ramblers Association  
Ramblers Association, Lake District Branch  
RDI Associates Limited  
Re Generation Earth Ltd  
Reading Borough Council  
Reading Urban Wildlife Group  
Remember The Future  
Rewilding Britain  
RHS  
Ribble Rivers Trust  
Rob Yorke (Associates) Ltd  
Rothamsted Research  
Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew  
Royal Forestry Society  
Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS)  
Royal Society for the Protection of Birds  
Royal Town Planning Institute  
RSK Wilding  
RSPB  
RTS Forestry  
Runnymede Borough Council  
Rural Extension Agriculture Land Management (REALM)  
Rural Landscape Consultants  
Rural Partners Ltd  
Rushcliffe Borough Council  
Sainsburys  
Sandwell MBC  
Scaler Estates Limited  
SelectFor Ltd  
SERA - Sussex Branch  
Severn Gorge Countryside Trust  
Severn Rivers Trust  
Severn Trent  
Shared Assets  
Shasta Group Sierra Club  
Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust  
Sheffield Friends of the Earth  
Six Mile Bottom Farms LLP  
Small Woods Association  
Society for the Environment  
Sodra Wood Ltd  
Soil Association  
South Cambridgeshire District Council  
South Derbyshire District Council  
South Derbyshire Housing and Community Services Committee  
South Devon Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

South Downs National Park Authority  
South East Forestry and Woodlands Advisory Committee  
South East Nature Partnerships  
South Hams Society  
South Hams Tree Wardens Network  
South Lakeland District Council's Climate Emergency and Localism Portfolio  
South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council  
South West Water Ltd.  
South Yorkshire Archaeology Service  
Spelthorne Tree Wardens  
Staffordshire County Council  
Sticks Unlimited  
Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Committee, Maidstone Borough  
Strutt & Parker  
Suffolk Biodiversity Information Service  
Suffolk Local Authorities (Joint Response)  
Surrey County Council  
Surrey Heath Tree Wardens  
Surrey Nature Partnership  
Sussex Lund  
Sustain: the alliance for better food and farming  
Sustainable Construction Solutions  
SustEd - Sustainability Education  
Swale Borough Council  
Swindon Borough Council and Great Western Community Forest  
Sylva Foundation  
Silvera Limited  
Telford & Wrekin Council  
Tenant Farmers Association  
Thames Chase Trust  
Thames Crossing Action Group  
Thames Water  
The Arboricultural Company  
The Architects Climate Action Network (ACAN) and the Steering Group of Construction Declares  
The Association for Renewable Energy & Clean Technology (REA)  
The Billericay Tree Wardens - Essex / A subgroup of the Billericay Town Council ~  
The British Association for Shooting and Conservation  
The Broadway Initiative  
The Centre for Brand Analysis (TCBA) & Superbrands & CoolBrands Council UK (Joint response)  
The Conservation Volunteers  
The Donkey Sanctuary  
The Eastbourne Carbon Neutral 2030 Organisation: Carbon Capture Group  
The Exmoor Society  
The Forest of Marston Vale Trust  
The Forestry Skills Forum  
The friends of Bilbrook  
The Heart of England Forest  
The Heather Trust

The Heswall Society  
The Land Trust  
The Landmark Trust  
The Landworkers' Alliance  
The Lesley Haskins Charitable Trust (Erica Trust )  
The Ramblers  
The Royal Forestry Society  
The School of Art, Architecture & Design, London Metropolitan University  
The Sherwood Forest Trust  
The SLIM Woodlands Community Interest Company  
The Tree and Woodland Company  
The Tree Council  
The UK Construction Declares Steering Group  
The University of Manchester  
The Wildlife Trust BCN  
The Wildlife Trusts  
The Wood Life Project Ltd  
The Wood Panel Industries Federation  
The Woodcraft Folk, Park Farm Camping Site  
The Woodland Trust  
Thistleberry Residents Association  
Thurrock Council  
Tilhill Forestry Ltd  
Tim Moya Associates  
Timber Strategies  
Timber Transport Forum  
Torbay Council  
Town & Country Planning Association  
Transition Leicester  
Transition Marlborough  
Tree Warden Group Merton  
Treemendous York  
Trees and Design Action Group  
Trees for Cities  
Trees for Derby  
Trees for Dorset  
TreeSisters  
TRESA Cic  
Tunbridge Wells Friends of the Earth  
Tunbridge Wells Green Party  
Uckfield Town Council  
UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology  
UK Squirrel Accord  
UK Woodland Assurance Standard  
United Bank of Carbon  
United Kingdom Woodland Assurance Standard (UKWAS)  
United Utilities  
University College London

University of Birmingham  
University of Cambridge  
University of Exeter  
University of Leeds  
University of Manchester, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences  
University of Oxford  
University of Sussex  
University of Warwick  
Urban Forestry and Woodland Advisory Committee Network  
Verderers of the New Forest  
Viridian Logic  
Waldringfield Scattered Orchard and Fruiting Hedges - Community Group  
Walmer Parish Council  
Warwickshire County Council  
Warwickshire Wildlife Trust  
Water UK  
Waverley Borough Council  
Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council  
Wessex Rivers Trust  
Wessex Water  
West Cumbria & North Lakes Friends of the Earth, and Climate Emergency West Cumbria  
West Dorset Friends of the Earth  
West Midlands Forestry & Woodlands Advisory Committee  
West of England Nature Partnership  
West Sussex County Council  
Westbury Parish tree Group  
Westwoods  
White Rose Community Forest  
Wigan Council  
Wildlife and Countryside Link  
Wildlife Gardening Forum  
Wildlife Trust, Countryside Restoration Trust  
Wildways  
Wilton Carpets  
Wiltshire Council  
Wiltshire West District Scout Association  
Winchester Action on Climate Change  
Wirral Council  
Wirral Initiative on Trees  
Wirral Tree Wardens  
Wirral Wildlife (Cheshire Wildlife Trust)  
Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association  
Wood Panel Industries Federation  
Wood Pasture and Parkland Network  
Woodland Nurture  
Woodland Trio  
Woodland Trust  
Woodmanship Sawmills

Woodmeadow Trust  
Worcestershire Wildlife Trust  
World Wildlife Fund  
WWF-UK  
Wye Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Partnership  
Wye Valley Forest Protection Group  
Wyre Borough Council  
Wyre Forest District Council  
Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority  
Yorkshire Farming and Wildlife Partnership  
Yorkshire Water  
Zero Carbon Harrogate