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Your Ref:

Please ask for: John Satchwell

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Date: 31 March 2015

Dear Mrs Buttery

**Freedom of Information: 1-702693615**

Thank you for your email dated 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015 with regards to your Freedom of Information request on the culling of the geese raising the following issues.

1. I am requesting information relating to Control of Canada Geese by egg pricking/oiling that the council claim to have undertaken since 1997. Could you please supply me with the cabinet report from this year which outlines the process of egg control, rather than the culling of adult birds.
2. Could you also indicate what recorded information you have for the years from 1997 to 2014 of sites in the borough where Canadian Goose eggs pricked/oiled, how many nests and or eggs were pricked/oiled at those sites and also who undertook this work. Be it in house via countryside rangers, estates staff or private contractor.
3. Please note, I am not concerned of the name of private contractors, just if the process was undertaken by council staff or by private contractor in the given years 1997 – 2014.

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I will attempt to answer the issues raised in the order you raise them.

**Issue one.**

With regards to information relating to egg pricking/oiling, we do not have a Cabinet Report that outlines the process of egg control.

**Issue two.**

The only recorded information we have is for 2013 and 2014, please see Appendix One highlighting the information you request.

**Issue three.**

The process for 2013 and 2014 was undertaken by a private contractor. Previous to this the process was undertaken by Council Staff.

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Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Yours sincerely



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<b>Sites</b>	<b>Number Of Nests 2013</b>	<b>Total Eggs Treated 2013</b>	<b>Number Of Nests 2014</b>	<b>Total Eggs Treated 2014</b>
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 Smehwick Park	2	7	1	4

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