

Reference: 9284266 Date: 12 February 2019

Dear Mr Heuch

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000

We write in reference to your Freedom of Information request.

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides two distinct but related rights of access to information which impose corresponding duties on public authorities. These are:

- The duty to inform the applicant whether or not information is held by the authority and, if so,
- The duty to communicate that information to the applicant

We can confirm that the information requested is held by The London Borough of Barking & Dagenham. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

1. How many Tree Preservation Orders have the council served that are still valid (i.e. excluding those that have been revoked). If establishing the number that have been revoked is problematic please let me know how many have been served.

120 valid TPOs

2. How old is the oldest TPO that is still valid (i.e. which year was it served in)

1951 (An Area TPO has since been placed on the site and the 1951 TPO will be revoked).

Internal Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request then you have a right under Section 50 of the Act to request an internal review. All such requests must be sent to us within 8 weeks and must clearly state your reference number and your reason for your request for an internal review.

We will respond to your request for an internal review within 20 working days of receipt. Your request for an internal review should be sent by email to xxx.xx your FOI reference number.

Information Commissioners Office

Should you remain dissatisfied with the final outcome of the internal review then you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (the "ICO") for an independent review. The ICO is the

Government's Independent Body responsible for overseeing the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and The Environmental Information Regulations 2004. Please note the ICO will only review cases that have exhausted the council's internal review procedure. All correspondence to the ICO must quote the council's reference number and your reasons for your appeal. The ICO's contact details are as follows;

The Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

We trust you find the above to be satisfactory but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

The FOI Team