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Subject: FOI Request - [REDACTED] - Response
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 2 January 2024, for information about Climate Emergency Declaration.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request:

1. Do you have a full-time officer solely dedicated to managing your declared climate and/or nature emergency? Yes/No.

Response:

No. Multiple officers across several Directorates/Services/Teams undertake work that is responding to the climate and biodiversity emergencies.

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2. Does your policy/strategy specify that some or all planning applications that could affect trees must include a tree canopy cover assessment as supporting information? Yes/No.

Response:

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the Local Plan Policy 32: Woodlands, Trees & Hedgerows is available at: [Local Plan - City of Doncaster Council](#). This requires planning applications to show impacts on trees have been adequately considered, including surveys.

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3. Do you have a professional tree officer dedicated to advise on planning applications that could affect existing trees? Yes/No

Response:

Yes . 2 x full-time Trees & Hedgerows Officers in Planning Services who are consultees on planning applications which impact on trees.

Request:

4. Do you have standard planning conditions that specifically require that the supply, planting, and maintenance of new trees must be compliant with BS 8545 (2014) Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations? Yes/No.

Response:

No. We usually use conditions that require BS 3936-1, but may use BS 8545 in the future.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £46.00 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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