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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-372, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1. Tree Management System
Please confirm which tree management software package your organisation currently uses. If it is an in-house system, please state this; or state if none is used.

2. Tree Inventory Summary
Please provide:
• The approximate number of trees for which your organisation has management responsibility.
• The number of those trees that are subject to Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs).

3. Tree Data
Please provide available tree data for the period 2015 to the current date.
If the dataset is too large or would exceed the appropriate cost/time limits under Section 12 of the FOI Act, please provide a manageable subset of the data. I will calculate proportionality from this subset.

Would you either:
• Provide a link to a publicly accessible and downloadable portal, or
• Provide the data in CSV or XLSX format.

For each tree, I would be grateful if the following attributes could be included where available:
• Survey data capture date
• Tree number/reference
• Species
• Height
• Diameter at breast height (DBH)
• Crown dimensions
• Growth direction measurements (North, East, South, West)
• Tree location (Ordnance Survey coordinates, British National Grid reference, Global ID, or other locational parameter)

Where a tree has been surveyed on multiple occasions, please include all recorded entries (for example, Tree 1 may have data spanning 2015–2024, Tree 2 may only have data for 2023–2024).

4. Format and Clarification
If the data structure or field names differ from the list above, please include a brief explanation or a data dictionary so that the dataset can be interpreted accurately.

Response:
1.We are currently using ezytreev tree management software.
2.Currently at 5,165 trees/tree groups, however we are only approximately 50% through updating and adding our trees to the new ezytreev database. Some of the trees transferred from our old management system do not have any data aside from species and location. Many sites have not yet been plotted on ezytreev.

We manage 128 TPO trees, however this is not a representative number as some of our TPO trees are woodlands (e.g Bloomsfield, Burwell), so the actual number of TPO trees under our management will be much higher.

3.Please see attached to this email our tree data from June 2022 onwards in XLSX form. As we only started using Ezytreev in June 2022 we cannot produce any electronic records prior to this. Our survey data does not include growth direction measurements. Ezytreev is only able to produce the most recent survey data and not multiple visits.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-372.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.