



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-145, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

Over the past 10 years:

- The locations of trees removed by your authority due to property or infrastructure damage, ideally accompanied by their species and the date of removal where possible (locations via GIS data, What3Words, OS coordinates, or addresses as you find easiest)
- How many of/which of these trees were removed due to claims or requests from insurance companies
- How much the council paid to remove each tree (if this can be attributed per removal, or how much the council spent on tree removal each financial year if not)
- How much the council paid out in insurance claims for tree damage to properties (individual claim values preferred, but an aggregate value may be acceptable if the council considers the individual values to be exempt from disclosure)
- The number of trees where removal has been requested, but was either refused, an alternative solution found, or the situation is still ongoing; any breakdown that can be provided (similar to above, e.g., species and location) would be appreciated

Please follow the following principles when considering this request:

- Data at an individual tree level is preferred, but where you consider this can't be disclosed due to commercial or legal agreements (e.g., insurance claims, contractor works) then aggregate data either annually or (worst case) over the whole period may be acceptable
- Some data is better than no data; for example, if data is only available for the last 5 years, then that is better than refusing the request

**Response:**

- X2 Field Maple, adjacent to 42 Ward Way Witchford CB6 2JR – removed 07/12/2023  
X8 (x2 Hawthorn, x3 Ash, x3 Cherry) Rear 62 Brooke Grove Ely CB6 3WU – removed 26/05/2023  
X2 Crab Apple, adjacent to 30 Hertford Close Ely CB6 3QS – removed 10/03/2023  
X10 Mixed native species, adjacent to 33 Cam Drive Ely CB6 2WH – removed 07/12/2022  
X1 English Oak, adjacent to 48 Ward Way Witchford CB6 2JR – removed March 2021  
x1 Hybrid Poplar, 59 Morton Close Ely, CB7 4FD – removed October 2020  
X10 Mixed native species, adjacent 25 Cam Drive Ely CB6 2WH – removed 2020
- All the trees in the previous section were removed as per the recommendations following an Arboricultural/Engineers report which is usually done through the affected properties insurance.
- All our tree work is done in house and any removals are carried out as part of the council's ongoing tree maintenance programme so a cost of removal cannot be obtained.
- One claim at £19,945.70, paid by our insurers

- X1 English Oak, adjacent to 59 Morton Close, Ely CB7 4FD. Large veteran Oak tree, root barrier installed to mitigate for the recommended ongoing regular pruning which would have been detrimental to the long-term retention of the tree.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-145.

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](mailto: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.