

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### You asked:

**A landmark tree on Aylestone Meadows has been unnecessarily cut down by the Council.**

#### 1. I want full details of when the decision was made to cut the tree down?

##### ANSWER:

The decision to remove the tree was made on 15 April 2014 as discussed in the first attachment.

#### 2. Who made the decision?

The decision was made by the Trees & Woodlands Officer.

I can confirm that we also hold the officer's name. However we are withholding that information since we consider that to be an absolute exemption under section 40(2) (personal data), and this therefore constitutes a refusal under section 17 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.

#### 3. Who was consulted?

The Council's Property Services Division, the Council's Nature Conservation Officer and the Council's Senior Riverside Officer. There were no external consultations.

#### 4. I also want a copy of the assessment document or any other documents or reports about the condition of the tree.

We have no documents about the condition of the tree; however please find attached the relevant emails discussing the condition of the tree. Photos are also part of the documentation describing the condition of the tree. Please find attached Attachments 1, 2 & 3.

The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use, or for journalistic purposes. If the information is a dataset (which does not relate to the environment), you may also use the information for commercial re-use under an [Open Government Licence](#).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Information Governance Manager  
Information Governance Team  
Leicester City Council**

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**Ground Floor**  
**9-15 Princess Road West**  
**Leicester**  
**LE1 6TH**  
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Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You may also seek independent advice from the Information Commissioner at:

**Information Commissioner's Office**  
**Wycliffe House**  
**Water Lane**  
**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**  
**Telephone: 01625 545 700**  
[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

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