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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Tree removal statistics between 01 January 2022 and 16 October 2024
Response by:	Scott Baxendale, Acting Chief Executive

14 November 2024

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for tree removal statistics between 01 January 2022 and 16 October 2024

I refer to your official information request dated 23 October 2024 for tree removal statistics between 01 January 2024 and 16 October 2024

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. Records of public tree removals between January 1st 2022 and October 16 2024 including:**
 - a. The locations of trees removed**
 - b. The species of trees (if available)**
 - c. The reasons for removal (e.g. disease, development, safety concerns).**
- 2. Records of public tree plantings for the same time period, including:**
 - a. The locations of trees planted**
 - b. The species planted**
 - c. Any associated planning or urban greening strategies for these plantings.**
- 3. Any reports or assessments related to urban tree management or the overall strategy for public tree planting and removal within your jurisdiction from January 2017.**

We are refusing your request under the section 17(e) of LGOIMA that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Council does not keep a register of trees required to be cut down. From time to time trees may be removed from Road Reserve for safety reasons. For any trees that are cut down, Council uses the New Zealand Tree Register (www.notabletrees.org.nz) for guidance.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Baxendale', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Baxendale | Acting Chief Executive

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