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Dear Sir/Madam

Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Tree Planting.

1. How many trees did you plant in the 2024/25 season (circa October 2024-March 2025)?

Coventry City Council Planted approximately 4,700 'whips' and 250 'standards.'

2. How many survived?

Approximately 70% of the whips survived and 85% of the 'standards.'

3. What was the maintenance regime for newly planted trees?

For whip planting maintenance work is limited to carrying out a 'beat up' of the area in subsequent years, replacing dead trees to achieve an appropriate planting density across the planting area.

For standard tree planting the trees are mulched and a 20 week watering programme is usually undertaken between May and September. A weekly application of 40l of water is applied through a watering bag, and stakes/ties are checked and adjusted and the trees mulch is topped up as required during these visits. Watering is undertaken during the first year after planting, unless specific grant aid has specified and funded this maintenance for a longer period.

4. What caused the trees that died to perish?

The predominant cause of failure for whip planting is drought stress – whether this is through initial plant handling or weather is not really possible to determine.

The predominant cause of standard failure is through breakage/vandalism.

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