

# East Lothian Council

**EIR Ref: 2018/132(13254)**

***I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information ('council' refers to your authority):***

***1) What assessment has the council made of the potential impact of ash dieback (Chalara) in the authority area and what strategy does it have to cope?***

East Lothian Council (ELC) has made no quantified assessment of the potential impact. Whilst there is no Legal requirement to do so, each tree will be assessed as matters arise.

***2) How many mature ash trees are close to roads for which the council is responsible or public areas in the council's control where those trees have the potential to impact on public safety if they become infected, whether in the council's ownership or privately owned?***

ELC does not record this information\*.

***3) How many of those trees are on council-owned land, and how many of those are 'street trees' in residential areas.***

ELC does not record this information\*.

***4) How many of those trees are on non-council-owned land?***

ELC does not record this information\*.

***5) What is the estimated cost to the council of felling and/or otherwise dealing with all trees in question 2 and over what timescale is that cost estimated?***

ELC does not record this information\*.

***6) How much of that cost does the council expect to recover from third parties?***

ELC does not record this information\*.

***7) How many trees has the council committed to plant specifically to replace trees lost to Chalara?***

ELC does not record this information\*.

\*In view of this, under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to comply with your request as the information you require is not held.