



8 January 2026

INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE 25-035

Thank you for your information request, received on 30 October 2025. You asked the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC) to provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA):

“Today, I am writing to request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, relating to the London 2012 Olympic History Tree that was situated at the Stratford City approach to the Olympic Park as one of the 10 History Trees planted as an Olympic Legacy project.

Please could I request the following:

- 1. Any data or correspondence on why this tree was removed.*
- 2. Any data or correspondence on plans for reinstatement of the tree along with its associated ring.”*

LLDC can confirm that it holds information which falls within the scope of your request. Our response follows your order:

1. Any data or correspondence on why this tree was removed.

Following recommendations from a tree survey report, the Dawn Redwood History Tree which was located in Endeavour Square was removed in November 2022 as it was dying and had to be felled for public safety reasons. Attached at Annex A is a copy of the tree survey summary report where it was recommended that the tree be removed.

Please note: Information has been extracted in both annexes where it is not relevant to your request.

2. Any data or correspondence on plans for reinstatement of the tree along with its associated ring.”

The tree will not be replaced. After initial discussions with the original artists, the LLDC has decided that the cost to supply another mature Dawn Redwood large enough to fit the tree ring would be prohibitive. It is also now not considered to be good arboricultural practice to bore holes through the trunk of a tree to fit ring attachment bolts as this could encourage the entry of pathogens that could harm the tree. Attached at Annex B are the meeting notes where it was agreed with the artist that the tree would not be replaced. The action to obtain quotations to replace the Dawn Redwood with an alternative, non-history tree was investigated but the high cost was also prohibitive.

Please note: Personal information has been redacted in Annex B under s40 – personal information.

Section 40(2) –personal information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if –

- (a) it constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and*
- (b) the first, second or third condition below is satisfied.*

If you are unhappy with our response to your request and wish to make a request for an internal review of our response, you should write to:

Chief Operating Officer
London Legacy Development Corporation
Level 9
5 Endeavour Square
Stratford
E20 1JN

Email: FOI@londonlegacy.co.uk

Please note: requests for internal reviews received more than forty working days after the initial response will not be handled.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you may appeal directly to the Information Commissioner at the address given below. You should do this within two months of our final decision. There is no charge for making an appeal.

Further information on the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is available from the Information Commissioner's Office:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF

Telephone 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45

Website www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

FOI / EIR Co-ordinator
London Legacy Development Corporation