

Date received:	24 th February 2026
Date responded:	17 th March 2026
Subject:	Environmental and Wildlife Surveys – Trees at Ballanard Fields

Question:

"Can the Town Council provide copies of the Environmental impact survey and the Wildlife Survey carried out ahead of the felling of the trees in the park between Ballanard Road and Baldwin Road in Douglas. Thank You."

Response:

After careful consideration, the Authority confirms that in response to part 1 of your request for the Environmental Impact Survey, the information is not held and therefore we are unable to provide it. Accordingly, the Council is relying on Section 11(3) (information not held) of the Freedom of Information Act 2015. An Environmental Impact Survey was not undertaken as there is no requirement to carry one out as part of this felling licence application, these are typically undertaken where development is proposed on an area of land.

In response to part 2 of your request for the Wildlife Surveys carried out, the information you have requested is publicly available and reasonably accessible to you. Accordingly, the Council is relying on Section 20 (Information accessible by other means) of the Freedom of Information Act 2015. This is an absolute exemption and does not require us to carry out a public interest test.

The requested information can be accessed here:

<https://www.douglas.gov.im/foi-response/ballanard-field-trees-wildlife-surveys>