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Ref: EIR / 6555

05th August 2026

Environmental Information Regulations Request - Compensation for Damage Caused by Council-Owned Trees

I refer to your EIR request and respond as follows:

Request

Please provide the following information concerning claims alleging that trees owned by the council, or situated on council-owned land, caused subsidence or other damage to property.

Please include claims handled by the council's insurers where this information is held by or on behalf of the council.

For each of the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, please provide:

1. The number of claims received during that financial year.
2. The total amount paid in compensation or settlement during that financial year.

For the FIVE largest compensation or settlement payments made during the three-year period, please provide:

A. The financial year in which the payment was made
B. The amount paid
C. The type of damage alleged
D. The species of tree involved, where recorded
E. Whether the tree was felled, pruned or retained
F. A brief existing anonymised description of the claim, where held

Please include payments relating to claims received before the requested period if the payment itself was made during the requested period.

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Response

Please be advised that there have been no claims received.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have rights of review and appeal; these rights consist of two review processes.

Firstly, our internal review procedure is available by contacting:

John Kelpie
Chief Executive
Derry City and Strabane District Council
98 Strand Road
Derry BT48 7NN
Tel: 028 71253253 or email: john.kelpie@derrystrabane.com

Secondly, you can appeal directly by contacting the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
CHESHIRE SK9 5AF
Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or email: casework@ico.org.uk

I would however advise that the Information Commissioner has indicated that a review will not be undertaken unless the Council has first had an opportunity to re-consider its decision.

Yours sincerely

Philip Kingston LLB
Lead Legal Services Officer