

10th February 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 29th January 2026 in which you asked the following:

‘Specifically, I am seeking anonymised data on the following from **January 2020 to December 2025:**

1. Please provide the **total annual spend per calendar year** on gardens and/or grounds maintenance, including horticulture and landscape upkeep.
2. Where held, please provide a **breakdown** of this spend into:
 - Staff costs (e.g. gardeners, horticultural staff salaries and employment costs)
 - External contractors and outsourced grounds maintenance services
 - Plants, materials, and horticultural supplies
 - Any other relevant maintenance or landscaping costs
3. If this expenditure is recorded at **the site level**, please provide annual totals for the following areas:
 - Hyde Park
 - Kensington Gardens
 - St James's Park
 - Green Park
 - Regent's Park
 - Greenwich Park
 - Richmond Park
 - Bushy Park

Q1: Information relating to The Royal Parks annual spend can be found in our annual reports which I have provided the links to below for 2020-2025:

[The-Royal-Parks-Annual-Report-202021.pdf](#)

[The-Royal-Parks-Annual-Report-2021-22.pdf](#)

[Annual Report 2022-23.pdf](#)

[Annual Report 2023-24.pdf](#)

[Annual Report 2024-25.pdf](#)

Q2 and Q3: The Royal Parks considers the information requested in questions 2 and 3 as commercially sensitive and are applying the exemption under Section 43(2) of the FOIA. The Royal Parks are applying this exemption as it exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any legal person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). In accordance with the Procurement Act 2023, there is a planned



procurement notice in place for The Royal Parks which is currently live, and spend figures, if disclosed, could harm a business's competitive position.

I hope this information satisfies your request.

Right of Review

If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may request an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this letter, quoting the reference at the top of the page and should be addressed to:

Records Manager
The Royal Parks
The Old Police House
Hyde Park
London
W2 2UH

Email: records@royalparks.org.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision, quoting the reference at the top of the page. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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