

Our ref: FOI 26/30

June 2026

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 18th May 2026 in which you asked:

On 16 November 2023, an officer of the Royal Parks sent an email to Natural England (the "Email") stating that the Tree Strategy for Richmond Park ("the Tree Strategy") was a final draft and that it had been through Executive Committee recently.

Please send me:

- 1. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting mentioned in the Email at which a final draft of the Tree Strategy was discussed;*
- 2. Any internal correspondence i. between officers and ii. between officers and committee members of The Royal Parks since 16 November 2023 discussing publication or delays to publication of the Tree Strategy, such Correspondence to be sent in its original form;*
- 3. Minutes of any Committee of the Royal Parks after the date on which the Executive Committee mentioned in the Email met, and at which publication of, or delay to publication of, the Tree Strategy is mentioned;*
- 4. Correspondence, in whatever form it exists, between The Royal Parks and Natural England since 16 November 2023 related to the publication of, or delay to Publication of, the Tree Strategy.*

We have provided our response below:

The Royal Parks has decided to withhold the requested information under Regulation 12(4)(d) EIR – Material still in the course of completion, unfinished documents, or incomplete data and; Regulation 12(4)(e) EIR – Internal communications. As this is a qualified EIR exception, it requires a Public Interest Test (PIT) which we have attached.

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
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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
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Yours sincerely,

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