

Request 7200 – Environmental Health, forestation projects

(SCDC) Forestation projects

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2. Copies of the official correspondences, strategy documentation or press releases covered by part 1.
3. A copy of any planning and strategy documents for the projects covered by part 1, which includes details of who is carrying out a project, how much it costs, where it is taking place and the reasons behind it taking place.
4. Details of any tree-planting projects covered by part 1 that is specifically being used in a carbon offsetting project by the council, where the carbon absorption of trees is being matched with emission of carbon elsewhere.
5. Details of any schemes that are in place to ensure the protection of the tree planting projects covered by part 1 - including any guarantees against the risk of them being chopped down, and any guarantees about their being replaced should they die.

Response

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We do not own or manage land other than small pockets of land around the housing we own.

In the past year we have funded small tree-planting projects, as detailed below.

Four community-led tree planting projects were awarded funding through the Council's Zero Carbon Communities grant 2019-20. These were:

- Histon & Impington Trees Action Group (known as HITrees) -Project to restore woodland that was destroyed in the A14 expansion project. 1000 trees and 750m of hedges are going to be planted.
- Whittlesford Parish Council - Project to plant 80 trees in the village.
- Great Wilbraham Parish Council - Project to plant 6 large trees as 1st part of four phase project
- Cambourne Town Council - Project to plant more than 1,200 trees/hedge plants

In January 2020, 87 parish councils were provided with vouchers to purchase up to three trees as part of a one-off 'Three Free Trees' scheme

2. Copies of the official correspondences, strategy documentation or press releases covered by part 1.

See:

- [Zero Carbon Communities Grant](#)
- [Zero Carbon Communities Grant scheme boosts Cambourne planting](#)
- [Proposals to help communities target zero carbon announced](#)
- [Projects supporting South Cambridgeshire to become zero carbon awarded £120,959](#)
- [Three free trees](#)

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Not applicable – the projects covered in part 1 are not covered in planning and strategy documents.

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No such schemes are in place.