

Feedback for queries raised at the previous Bermondsey and Rotherhithe Community Council meeting

Question	Response
<p>Why [have] almost 200 trees throughout Southwark been cut down without replacement over the last two years according to the official FOI Information provided?</p>	<p>Updated information was provided subsequent to the original FOI (Freedom of information) request confirming that there were actually only 15 trees over the past two years that had not been replaced:</p> <p>Borough Wide Felled Trees - 1008 Borough Wide Planted Trees - 993</p> <p>Bermondsey Felled Trees - 110 Bermondsey Planted trees - 55</p> <p>Rotherhithe Felled Trees - 98 Rotherhithe Planted Trees - 24</p>
<p>Why [were] 110 trees destroyed in B&R without replacement over that period, whilst at the same time, Walworth gained (127) and Borough & Bankside gained (46)? Are we becoming the 'Grey borough' instead of the 'Green Borough'</p>	<p>Not all trees can be replaced as many trees planted were not the right tree for the right place. Areas such as Walworth and Borough & Bankside have benefited from capital investment which has allowed officers to increase the number of trees replanted in these areas to make up for the shortfall in areas such as Rotherhithe where we have not had that similar level of investment to replace. Officers have committed this year to plant at least 200 trees in which a lot of the focus will be on planting where possible in Bermondsey and Rotherhithe as those areas have not had the benefit of replacements through capital funding.</p>