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Our ref: RFI 6037

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Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: THE NUMBER OF BIG TREE PLANT TREES
PLANTED IN 2010-13 AND WHETHER PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT HAS INCREASED
OR DECLINED.**

Thank you for your request for information about The Big Tree Plant, which we received on the 12th November. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information that you have requested on the number of trees planted is available from <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/england-bigtreeplant>. This gives the most recently recorded total.

Following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information that you have requested on the numbers of people getting involved with The Big Tree Plant is not held by Defra. I can confirm that to the best of our knowledge the information is not held by another public authority.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service that you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours sincerely



Annex **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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