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Dear

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004
Trees on A21 Pembury bypass.**

Thank you for your email to the Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 5 October regarding trees on A21 Pembury bypass. I have handled your enquiry under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

I have responded to each of your requests in the format that you requested them:

1. How many trees were cut down during the construction of the length of the new road?

We do not hold this information. Tree felling is measured in spatial area or timber volume not number of individual trees. Approximately 9ha of woodland was cleared (this will include open habitat as well as trees).

2. How many trees were planted during the construction of the length of the new road?

We have planted approximately 54,858 trees and shrubs during the project. About 250 were planted during construction. These numbers do not include translocated coppice stools or dead trees 'planted' to provide deadwood habitat.

3. What were the characteristics of the new trees in terms of height and or age when planted?

The majority are young transplants and a range of standards, from light to heavy. Some of the young transplants have grown one year in a container and one in the ground. Others have grown one year in a container and two in the ground.

4. What is the maintenance regime for such newly planted trees?

The first few years will be watering and replacing failures. In later years thinning operations will be carried out and in some cases formative pruning.

5. How many trees have been replaced since the completion of the project because of death or other cause?

One.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting reference number EIR 766479 in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on; or e-mail info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Yours sincerely