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Request from:	Private individual
Information requested:	Trees protected by the District Plan
Response from:	Lesley Crichton, Acting Chief Executive

23 December 2019

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for information regarding trees protected by the District Plan.

I refer to your official information request dated 05 December 2019 for information regarding trees protected by the District Plan

You have asked for the following information:

1. Does your Council protect trees in its District Plan using Section 76 of the Resource Management Act?
The Westland District Council does have Trees protected within our District Plan as per section 76.
2. What term does Council use to describe trees protected within the District Plan?
The Westland District Council uses the term "Historic" to describe protected trees within the District Plan.
3. What evaluation process or method does Council use to determine whether trees are of sufficient importance to be protected within the District Plan?
They have previously been scheduled due to historic significance relating to early settlement.
4. If your Council uses the Standard Tree Evaluation Methodology (STEM), does it differ at all from the original 1996 mode and if so how?
Trees have been scheduled due to historic significance as opposed to evaluation of the trees.
5. If your Council uses STEM what is the threshold STEM score used to determine whether a tree should be protected in the District Plan? If your Council has no record of the STEM threshold last used, please supply the lowest STEM score for a District Plan protected tree.
Not applicable.
6. If your Council uses another method or process to protect trees what is the threshold score for inclusion and/or any other requirement?
Not applicable.

7. Is a landowner's consent required to protect a tree under any circumstances?
A landowners consent is not required.
8. Under which provisions of the District Plan are trees protected, Heritage, General or something else?
Heritage.
9. Are District Plan protected trees categorised within a list, if so what terms are used and how?
They are within Appendix A Schedule of Historic Places and Trees.
10. What year did the protected trees provisions of your District Plan become operative?
2002.
11. Please supply the position title, name and contact details for the person who deals with protected tree issues at Council?
Fiona Scadden, Planning and Customer Service Manager. 03 756 9085, Fiona.scadden@westlanddc.govt.nz

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Diane Maitland, Executive Assistant on LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9038.

Sincerely,



Lesley Crichton | Acting Chief Executive