

62742 Fairmilehead Park Lopping then Felling of Horse Chestnut Tree

The subject of this request is a horse chestnut tree whose location was beside the footpath exiting the west side of the Fairmilehead Park between Numbers 1 and 5 Pentland Drive where the postcode is, I think, EH10 6PU. Several years ago this fully mature (and apparently healthy) tree was severely topped and lopped, leaving only the trunk to a height of about 10 to 12 metres. In the intervening years the tree had become fully clothed in branches again. This morning (16 June 2026) the tree was felled. If Edinburgh Council organised these two exercises I would like to receive the following information:

Please send me copies of all council correspondence, minutes, emails and any other written material leading up to the decisions to:

Top and lop this tree,

Fell this tree.

[Please see relevant documents attached.](#)

Please include the reasons these two exercises were deemed to be necessary. If a qualified tree surgeon or arboriculturist provided a report please include that.

[As above. All decisions are made in-house by qualified and experienced council staff.](#)

Please include the total cost for the two exercises to include council workers' time as well as any contractor costs (a total cost for each exercise or a combined figure is sufficient).

[£2,111.06.](#)

Please include the names of the parties who requested this work on both occasions.

[The work was requested by the Council's recently retired Tree Officer for the relevant Locality. We will not provide the officer's name as we consider this to be third-party personal data.](#)

Please state whether planning permission was sought (whether approved or not) for both exercises; if it was sought please supply the planning application codes, and if it was not please explain why not.

[This tree was not included in the Tree Preservation Order, as horse chestnuts are not listed within the Order for this part of the site. The tree was therefore not protected, and no application was needed for its removal.](#)