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Your ref:

Our ref: **RFI-2016-1522**

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Dear S40 (2)

**Request for information: RFI-2016-1522**

Thank you for your request for information received by Newark and Sherwood Council, the council, on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2016, concerning plant species that we wish to conserve as part of our Biodiversity Action Plan. This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that the council holds this information. However we are withholding that information since we consider that the exemption under section 21, information accessible to the applicant by other means, applies to it.

This Council is the Nottinghamshire biodiversity action plan which is accessible at: [www.nottsba.org.uk](http://www.nottsba.org.uk)

The Landscape Character Assessment also includes a list of species of trees and shrubs that are important to the various elements of the district. It is on line at:

<http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/planning/localdevelopmentframeworkldf/lcaspd/>

Therefore, this letter serves as a refusal notice as required under section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Where provided, the direct contact details of individual Council officers must not be used for the purposes of direct marketing.**

If you have any further queries or concerns about the information provided please do not hesitate to contact us. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, starting the day after the date of this letter, we will consider the request closed.

If following our response to your query you are still dissatisfied you have the right to request an internal review. This will be conducted by the Director of Safety or the Deputy Chief Executive

who have not been involved with the request or complaint until this point. Should you wish to proceed to this stage please advise us quoting the reference number at the top of this page.

Should you be dissatisfied with the outcome of any internal review to the Council you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office, details of which can be found on the Information Commissioner's website [www.ico.org.uk/](http://www.ico.org.uk/)

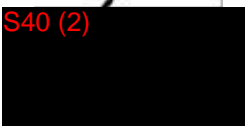
More details of this complaints process are available to view on our website at the following link: [www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/](http://www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/yourcouncil/makingarequestforinformation/accesstoinformation-complaintsprocedure/)

There is no charge for making an appeal at any stage.

Yours sincerely

David Clarke

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Information Governance Officer