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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

A dispute has broken out over some unprotected trees in a factored estate in Edinburgh.

A resident has trimmed some unprotected trees on the land factored by Ross & Liddell factors. To be clear, they are not covered by a Tree Protection Order.

Another resident has threatened to call the police if any more trimming is done. The factor has ordered all trimming to cease.

Please send me any laws regarding trimming of unprotected trees on communal land that would necessitate police action.

Basically, can a resident be charged by police for trimming - or removing completely - unprotected trees on communal land?

In response to your request, I can advise you that any calls regarding this type of matter would be directed to this advice online: <https://www.gov.uk/how-to-resolve-neighbour-disputes/high-hedges-trees-and-boundaries>. As such you may wish to contact the relevant local authority.

Therefore, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Dundee at foidundee@scotland.police.uk quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

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If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

As part of our commitment to demonstrate openness and transparency in respect of the information we hold, an anonymised version of this response will be posted to the Police Scotland Freedom of Information [Disclosure Log](#) in seven days' time.

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