

**From:** [Alleged Illegal Forestry](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Alleged Illegal Felling Report  
**Date:** Wednesday 12 April 2023 17:42:50

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Dear

Thank you for your email below reporting an alleged illegal felling. Case reference AIF 71/23 was assigned to the matter.

Having reviewed this case it was found that the area in question falls within an urban area ("An urban area is an area that comprised a city, town or borough specified in Part 2 of Schedule 5 and in Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act 2001, before the enactment of the Local Government Reform Act.) Under Section 19 of the Forestry Act 2014 a tree in an urban area may be felled without the need for a tree felling licence and thus falls outside the jurisdiction of this Department.

If you consider there were nesting birds or bats etc in the trees perhaps you may wish to contact the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) in relation to the Wildlife Acts. Contact could also be made to your local authority in relation to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) being in place for the tree that was felled. The local authority, who under the Planning and Development Acts, 2000 to 2011 have responsibility for TPOs and hold a database of such trees.

Kind regards,

*Alleged Illegal Forestry Section, Forestry Division*

**An Roinn Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara**

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**From:** Felling Forest Service

**Sent:** Thursday 9 March 2023 12:32

**To:** Alleged Illegal Forestry

**Subject:** Tree Cut Down Co Louth

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**From:**

**Sent:** Thursday 9 March 2023 12:26

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Hello,

I reported the following to Louth County Council who advised they have no control of cutting down trees on private land and to report to you. I think the tree was an Oak tree.

Can you please advise if this magnificent tree was cut down lawfully and if so WHY ?

Thank you,

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To; Environment Louth County Council

I am shocked & appalled to see one of the largest & oldest trees on the Marsh Rd, Drogheda cut down. This is a shocking disregard for the environment.

The tree is opposite Flo Gas on the Marsh Rd and was well over 100years old. The tree WAS

healthy & was magnificent when full of leaves.

The tree is also of historical interest as Irish soldiers hid in the branches as the Black & tans searched for them.

There was AMPLE room to expand the entrance on the other side from tree.

Why was this magnificent, healthy tree cut down??? SHOCKING DISREGARD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.