

WHPC Meeting 5th April 2022

Item 22/087 (c)

Planning Matters: Trees, TPOs and Planning Applications

Purpose of this paper

1. To highlight concerns regarding planning applications and TPOs
2. To propose "TPO" activities for WHPC.

Background

Recent planning/tree work applications, such as Maybury, Bendarroch Road (22/0036/TRE), has highlighted that the Parish Council does not have a standard process for checking for if there are TPOs associated with planning/tree work applications. As a result Cllrs may lack this information when considering the application.

WHPC has previously raised concerns regarding access to TPO information for West Hill.

- WHPC does not hold a copy of the EDDC TPO data for West Hill. Cllrs have previously liaised with EDDC Tree Officers to request a copy of the data. This was unsuccessful.
- WHPC is reliant on EDDC for access to the data.

This had led to concerns that significant trees or groups of trees in West Hill, a woodland village, may not be covered by TPOs.

Cllrs recognised

- A village-wide TPO would be unacceptable to EDDC
- A programme to check the existing TPOs and to propose others would result in a significant additional workload for the EDDC Tree Officers
- The EDDC Tree Officers are under-staffed.

For Consideration

It is proposed, WHPC will

1. implement a process to check for TPOs associated with any planning or treework application received for WHPC consultee comment.
2. pro-actively check and propose TPOs for significant trees in the village in conjunction with EDDC District Cllr and Tree Officers.

Cllr Della Cannings, QPM, Chairman WHPC

28th March 2022