

NOTICE OF MOTION
TO BE PUT TO THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 4 MARCH 2021

Moved by: Councillor Irving

Seconded by: Councillor McCann

Tree Preservation Orders Legislation

A Tree Preservation Order is an order made by a Local Planning Authority to protect specific trees, groups of trees or woodlands in the interests of amenity.

At present the Legislation relates to specific trees when in fact all trees play a huge role in reducing climate change, they are essential in the plight to reduce air pollution, control climate change, act as barriers to noise from motorways and public transport routes/links and provide vital shelter and support to our dwindling wildlife.

This Council believes that the Legislation in relation to Tree Preservation Orders is out of date and requires a review to respond to the environmental changes of the 21st Century and in line with the Climate Change Emergency declaration.

Individual Local Councils along with Parish Councils should be granted powers to use at their discretion, to approve individual or blanket tree preservation orders on mature trees and not only the specific trees, groups of trees or woodlands currently set out in Legislation.

This Council resolves:

To write to the Secretary of State asking him to review the legislation that covers Tree Preservation Orders in order that they are brought in line with 21st Century thinking due to climate change, biodiversity loss and unwarranted removal of mature trees that are not protected by present day tree preservation orders with a view to granting powers to allow Local Councils as well as Parish Councils, at their discretion, to approve individual or blanket tree preservation orders on mature trees.