

DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

PLANNING PROTECTIVE SERVICES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE

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PROVISIONAL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER AT UPPER GLEN FYNE PARK, ARDRISHAIG (TPO 1/11)

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of a provisional Tree Preservation Order in respect of mature trees growing on land within a landscape corridor with footway connections within the Upper Glenfyne Park residential estate of Ardrishaig. The Council has received representation in support of such an Order.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended, having regard to an assessment of the trees within this area and the contribution which they make both to landscape and amenity that a Provisional Tree Preservation Order be made in respect of the affected trees, the details of which are specified in the attached plan. It is recommended that the Order should be tree specific in relation to a few specified trees as shown on that plan, as opposed to an Area or Woodland Order.

3. DETAILS OF PROVISIONAL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 01/11 : UPPER GLEN FYNE PARK, ARDRISHAIG

- 3.1 The trees in question are mature, are of significant height, and are growing within an open space/landscape corridor used as a footway route which leaves the road system opposite 1 Glenfyne Terrace and leads to the rear of the Columba Court properties, connecting then into the Robbers Den area. This corridor has a width of about 25 metres and within this primarily open rough grass / shrub corridor the relevant trees are approximately located between 1-5 and 21-24 Upper Glenfyne Park. This site contains a number of trees, as defined on the attached plan, along with mixed species scrub. The trees are located along the edge of the site to the rear of but not included in the gardens of the houses in this former Council estate.
- 3.2 The corridor appears to be used as a throughway to the proposed Robbers Dens core path. Anecdotally, the trees are said to house a bat colony and various other wildlife, including owls, as reported by members of the public.
- 3.3 Within the corridor there is additionally a large open relatively flat area of unmaintained grassland. This would not be included in any preservation order as there are no trees on it.

3.4 A significant driver in the placing this Order on these individual trees is to add value to the proposed core path route they adjoin. Whilst the trees themselves, individually, are not necessarily good specimens, they form a screen for adjacent housing add to the amenity of the area, and assist in a the landscape setting for the immediate part of the adjoining housing estate. From the opposite side of Loch Gilp, in conjunction with the trees at Robbers Den they assist in bringing relief to this built up part of Ardrishaig. The intention of subjecting them to a Tree Preservation Order is to secure the role they play in respect of their surroundings, rather than seeking to protect individual trees as quality specimens.

4.0 CONCLUSION

4.1 Accordingly for all the above reasons it is considered that there are relevant reasons for the making of this Provisional Tree Preservation Order.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Policy:	The proposed TPO's are consistent with policies in the Council's development plan.
Financial:	None
Personnel:	None
Equal opportunities:	None
Legal:	None

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