

Glasgow City Council submission of 7 November 2022

PE1812/BBB: Protect Scotland's remaining ancient, native and semi-native woodlands and woodland floors

The mechanisms in place for reporting a potential breach of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), including how such information is recorded and analysed.

Alleged breaches of a TPO may be reported directly to the Planning Enforcement Team. Sometimes such concerns are reported through our Parks Arbor service or other general planning enquiries, but are then passed to Planning Enforcement for action.

Urgent issues will be relayed quickly and liaised upon quickly between these potential receivers. Other colleagues in Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability (NRS) with knowledge of a problem may also report an issue via these channels.

Given the urgency of these matters, such allegations constitute a High Priority Case (HPC) as defined and monitored as a Service Standard in the Council's Planning Enforcement Charter. The Service Standard requires a visit to be carried out within the same day or next day.

External complainants are also encouraged to submit their complaint thereafter formally via the online planning enforcement complaint form, although notification of a problem triggers the point at which performance in relation to the Planning Enforcement Charter service standard is measured.

The number of potential breaches of TPOs reported to you between 2012-22, broken down by year.

Year	Potential Breaches
2012	n/a
2013	n/a

2014	n/a
2015	n/a
2016	n/a
2017	1
2018	1
2019	3
2020	3
2021	1
2022	1 (to date)

It should be noted from the table that 2012 -16 isn't "applicable" as there are no records of any cases raised in relation to TPO cases (in terms of a requirement for an enforcement investigation). There may have been informal queries about TPO's in other ways in the department, the information provided in relation to this request is only about enforcement cases investigated and actions taken.

It is also worth noting that we have also had other tree enquiries which relate to trees which are not covered by TPOs including trees within Conservation Areas, but these are not included in the statistics above.

The number of prosecutions you have undertaken in relation to Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) between 2012 – 2022; broken down by year;

There have been no formal prosecutions.

The number of occasions where a breach of a TPO has not proceeded to prosecution, and the reasons for not pursuing prosecution.

- **2017:** alleged TPO, not founded and case closed.
- **2018:** alleged TPO, not founded and case closed.
- **2019:**

- working with Council's Senior Landscape Architect, letter sent to factors – case on-going
- working with Council's Senior Landscape Officer to trace owner of woodland area; Temporary Stop Notice issued and retrospective planning application submitted – case on-going
- Planning Impact Report issued, advised to stop works to tree. No long term damage done and case has been closed.
- **2020:**
 - Tree Replacement Notice drafted – case on-going
 - Case on-going.
 - Agreement for replacement tree, no Tree Replacement Notice has been issued – case on-going.
- **2021:** Agreement for replacement tree, no Tree Replacement Notice has been issued; planting has been carried out but Senior Landscape Officer to approve – case on-going.
- **2022:** Case recently received, investigation on-going.