

Aberdeen City Council submission of 31 May 2022

PE1812/CC 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.

Members of the public can contact us directly to report potential breaches. We have a dedicated council website page on protected trees: [Protected trees | Aberdeen City Council](#).

This webpage carries contact details for our team; including a dedicated email address that is monitored by several team members: Trees@aberdeencity.gov.uk.

Where a breach is reported this is investigated by officers; if a breach is identified information pertaining to the breach is within our electronic filing system within the relevant TPO file.

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

We do not record potential breaches, we only record confirmed breaches of TPO's.

We recorded the following confirmed breaches;

- 2021 Birchwood House
- 2018 Inchgarth House

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

- 2018 Inchgarth House

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

1. 2021 Birchwood House; the communication received in 2021 highlighted potential breaches that took place in 2015/16. Having discussed the situation with our legal team a decision was taken to not pursue due lack of evidence.