

# Perth and Kinross Council submission of 8 June 2022

## PE1812/GG: 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.**

Breaches of a TPO can be reported to

[planningenforcement@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:planningenforcement@pkc.gov.uk) or reported online via MyPKC.

Customers can also phone the Council's main customer service line where they will then be directed to the Planning Enforcement team, or advised of the above options. Once the complaint is received, a case is opened on our 'Uniform' data management system with any associated files/ photographs, etc. then uploaded to our 'iDox' document management system. The assigned Enforcement Officer will then review the information, in consultation with the Enforcement Team Leader where necessary. After an assessment, which may include a site visit, the Enforcement Officer will decide if further action is necessary or if the case can be closed. All in line with PKC's published Enforcement Charter

[2018649 Planning Enforcement Charter 2019 CLIENT single.pdf \(pkc.gov.uk\)](#)

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

Four breaches of TPO

18/00287/TREE

19/00172/TREE

21/00038/TREE

22/00013/TREE

\*Prior to 2018, records may not be complete.

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

None.

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

Reasons for not pursuing a prosecution against the felling or lopping of a tree subject to a TPO can be varies. But proportionality, the likelihood of gaining a successful prosecution and that other than the publicity or deterrent to repeat offences it results in, prosecution does not provide the mechanism for replacement of damaged or lost trees. Whereas serving a 'Tree Replacement Notice' enables the LPA the ability to secure good replacement planting.