

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar submission of 19 July 2022

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

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

In common with all other Breaches of Planning, these are identified by a combination of officer vigilance and members of the public bringing any potential breach to the awareness of the Planning Authority. Comhairle nan Eilean Siar has a very limited number of trees under TPO, these contained in two defined areas.

The Matheson Road TPO relates to trees that frame a main thoroughfare in the town of Stornoway; any intervention would be immediately visible to the public using that busy thoroughfare. The Creed River TPO second area is on the extreme edge of the town and surround one detached house.

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar has had no cause to record or analyse a Breach or potential Breach of a TPO.

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

Nil

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

None

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

Not applicable