

Highland Council submission of 9 August 2022

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

Thank you for the letter dated 11 May 2022 regarding the above petition. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding.

Please find following our response to your queries.

- The Council has no formal mechanism in place for reporting a potential breach of Tree Preservation Order (TPO). We do have the email addresses of the two Council Forestry Officers and a generic Forestry Team email address available on the *Trees, Woodlands and Forestry – Protected Trees* page of the Council website, where members of the public can report a breach of TPO.
- The number of potential breaches of TPOs reported between 2012-22 has not been recorded. The Council will look to record all future reports of potential TPO breaches.
- There have been no prosecutions in relation to a TPO between 2012 – 2022.
- The Council do not have a record of the number of occasions where a breach of a TPO has not proceeded to prosecution.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.