

**Tree Preservation Orders
2018-0005-TPO –The Limes, Gartmore**

1. Summary

Twelve individual lime trees, which form an avenue at the entrance to Gartmore House, Gartmore, were protected by Tree Preservation Order by Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park Authority in 2008. Since the TPO was made a number of trees have been removed without replacement planting having been undertaken. These losses have reduced the integrity of the avenue and it is recommended that the TPO is revoked. The remaining trees are within the Gartmore Conservation Area so should any tree works be proposed on them National Park Authority would need to be notified of the proposal.

2. Background

Site Description

2.1 The site lies at the north of the village of Gartmore at the entrance to Gartmore House. The trees are within the conservation area of Gartmore as shown on the location plan (Figure 1).



Figure 1 – Location Plan

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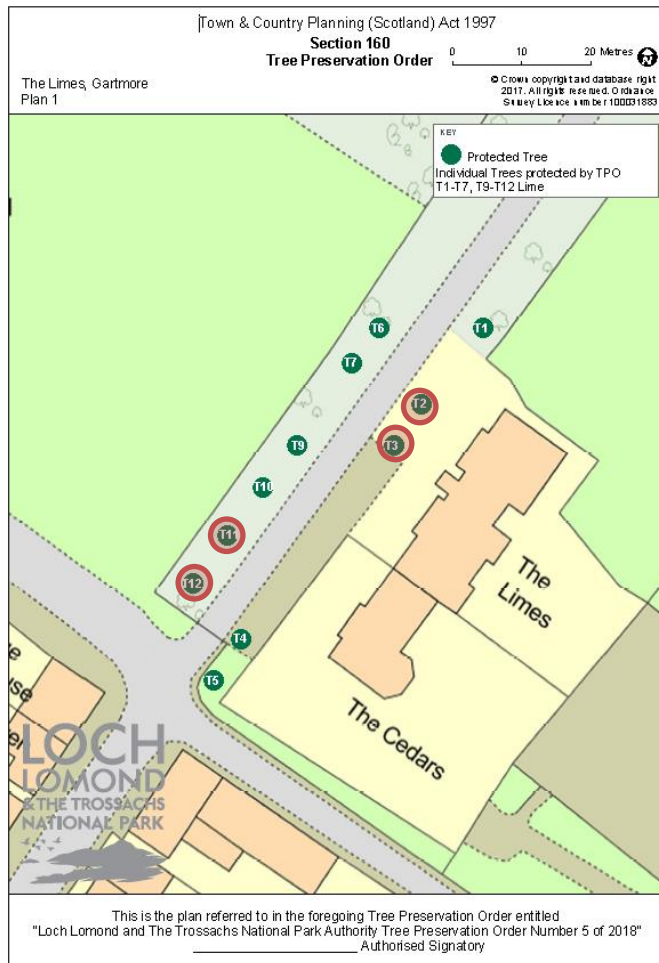


Figure 2 – Site Plan

2.2 The site presently has 8 lime trees following felling of T2, T3, T11 and T12 and there is no record of consent being provided.

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Figure 3 – Photograph of TPO – Avenue viewed from village Main Street



Figure 4 – Photograph of TPO – Gap in Avenue from removal of trees at the property known as 'The Limes'

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Figure 5 – Photograph of TPO (T1) – Lime tree north of ‘The Limes’

3. Relevant Planning History

3.1 The following applications are the relevant planning history relating to this Tree Preservation Order.

- 92/00502/OUT/S – Erection of House, Land adjacent to ‘The Limes’- Refused 30.04.1992
- 2005/0227/HAE – Alteration and extension to dwelling, The Limes, Gartmore – Approved 23.08.2005
- 2007/0261/HAE - Alterations and partial demolition of semi detached dwelling to create a detached dwelling and addition of a two storey extension – Approved 29.10.2007
- 2018/0120/DET - Erection of dwellinghouse, Land adjacent to ‘The Limes’ – Pending Consideration

4. Consultations and Representations

4.1 The following statutory consultations were undertaken in relation to the making of the TPO:

- a) Forestry Commission Scotland – Conservancy
- b) The owner, lessee and occupier of the land on which the trees are situated, and any party entitled to: -

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- i) fell, top, lop, uproot or otherwise damage or destroy any tree to which the tree preservation order relates; or
- ii) work by surface working any materials in, on or under such land.

4.2 In addition, an advert was placed in the Stirling Observer on the 30th March 2018 and Gartmore Community Council was notified.

Responses to consultation:

4.3 There were no responses received.

5. Assessment

5.1 Members are being asked to confirm the revocation Tree Preservation Order (2018/0005/TPO) made on the 20th March 2018.

5.2 The basis for the assessment of the trees is a standard Tree Evaluation Method for Tree Preservation Orders (TEMPO) – used by the majority of Scottish Planning Authorities for assessing where a tree(s) is worthy of a TPO. TEMPO was developed as a field guide to consider all relevant factors when to assess tree(s) for a TPO.

5.3 The TEMPO method scores a tree on a number of categories as follows:
Part 1 is the amenity assessment which is broken down into four sections:

- Condition (relates to health and physical form);
- Retentions span (Remaining lifespan);
- Relative public visibility;
- Other factors such as arboricultural features or veteran trees, trees which have significant historical or commemorative importance.

Part 2 is the expediency assessment which is the level of threat to the trees or woodland concerned.

5.4 When the remaining trees were assessed using TEMPO assessment they scored 11 with 3 for condition (fair) while 2 for retention and, 4 for visibility and 1 for other factors (Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features) and 1 for expediency (Precautionary only). A score greater than 11 indicates a TPO is defensible.

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5.5 This revocation TPO was served following re assessment of the TPO which found that, while a TPO could be defensible, there had been removal of 4 trees protected by the original TPO and this had reduce the integrity of the avenue. In addition, the trees are within Gartmore Conservation Area so - notwithstanding the revocation of the TPO - the Planning Authority would oversee of any subsequent proposal for tree works on the remaining trees via tree works notification process that is required in conservation areas.

6. Conclusion

6.1 The Members are being asked to confirm the revocation Tree Preservation Order, made on 20th March 2018 which will result the removal of protection by a TPO from the lime trees at the north of Gartmore village.