

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

The Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999

The Monmouthshire County Council (Rockfield Farm, The Elms, Undy) Tree
Preservation Order 2011

The Monmouthshire County Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 198 201 and 203 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 hereby make the following Order -

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Monmouthshire County Council (Rockfield Farm, The Elms, Undy) Tree Preservation Order 2011 TPO No. 223

Interpretation

2. In this Order "the authority" means the Monmouthshire County Council and unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Order to a numbered section is a reference to the section so numbered in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Application of section 201

3. The authority hereby direct that section 201 (provisional tree preservation orders) shall apply to this Order and, accordingly, this Order shall take effect provisionally on 28 November 2011

Prohibited acts in relation to trees

4. Without prejudice to subsections (6) and (7) of section 198 (power to make tree preservation orders) , and subject to article 5, no person shall –
 - (a) Cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy; or
 - (b) Cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of,

Any tree specified in Schedule 1 to this Order or comprised in a group of trees or in a woodland so specified, except with the consent of the authority and, where such consent is given subject to conditions, in accordance with those conditions.

Exemptions

5. - (1) Nothing in article 4 shall prevent –
 - (a) The cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree by or at the request of a statutory undertaker, where the land on which the tree is situated is operational land of the statutory undertaker and the work is necessary - In the interests of the safe operation of the undertaking; In connection with the inspection, repair or renewal of any sewers, mains, pipes, cables or other apparatus of the statutory undertaker; or To enable the statutory undertaker to carry out development permitted by or under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995;

- (b) The cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree cultivated for the production of fruit in the course of a business or trade where such work is in the interests of that business or trade;
- (c) The pruning, in accordance with good horticultural practice, of any tree cultivated for the production of fruit;
- (d) The cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree where that work is required to enable a person to implement a planning permission (other than an outline planning permission or, without prejudice to paragraph (a)(iii), a permission granted by or under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995) granted on an application under Part III of the Act, or deemed to have been granted (whether for the purposes of that Part or otherwise);
- (e) The cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree by or at the request of the Environment Agency to enable the Agency to carry out development permitted by or under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995;
- (f) The cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree by or at the request of a drainage body where that tree interferes, or is likely to interfere, with the exercise of any of the functions of that body in relation to the maintenance, improvement or construction of watercourses or of drainage works, and for this purpose "drainage body" and "drainage" have the same meanings as in the Land Drainage Act 1991; or
- (g) Without prejudice to section 198(6)(b), the felling or lopping of a tree or the cutting back of its roots by or at the request of, or in accordance with a notice served by, a licence holder under paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 to the Electricity Act 1989.

(2) In paragraph (1), "statutory undertaker" means any of the following -

A person authorised by any enactment to carry on any railway, light railway, tramway, road transport, water transport, canal, inland navigation, dock, harbour, pier or lighthouse undertaking, or any undertaking for the supply of hydraulic power,

A relevant airport operator (within the meaning of Part V of the Airports Act 1986),

The holder of a licence under section 6 of the Electricity Act 1989,

A public gas transporter,

The holder of a licence under section 7 of the Telecommunications Act 1984 to whom the telecommunications code (within the meaning of that Act) is applied,

A water or sewerage undertaker,

The Civil Aviation Authority or a body acting on behalf of that Authority,

The Post Office

Applications for consent under the Order

6. An application for consent to the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of any tree in respect of which this Order is for the time being in force shall be made in writing to the authority and shall—
- (a) Identify the tree or trees to which it relates (if necessary, be reference to a plan);
 - (b) Specify the work for which consent is sought; and
 - (c) Contain a statement of the applicant's reasons for making the application.

Application of provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

7. (1) The provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 relating to registers, applications, permissions and appeals mentioned in column (1) of Part I of Schedule 2 to this Order shall have effect, in relation to consents under this Order and applications for such consent, subject to the adaptations and modifications mentioned in column (2).
- (2) The provisions referred to in paragraph (1), as so adapted and modified, are set out in Part II of that Schedule.

Directions as to replanting

- 8 (1) Where consent is granted under this Order for the felling in the course of forestry operations of any part of a woodland area, the authority may give to the owner of the land on which that part is situated ("the relevant land") a direction in writing specifying the manner in which and the time within which he shall replant the relevant land.
- (2) Where a direction is given under paragraph (1) and trees on the relevant land are felled (pursuant to the consent), the owner of that land shall replant it in accordance with the direction.
- (3) A direction under paragraph (1) may include requirements as to—
- (a) Species;
 - (b) Number of trees per hectare;
 - (c) The preparation of the relevant land prior to the replanting; and
 - (d) The erection of fencing necessary for the protection of the newly planted trees.

Compensation

- 9 (1) If, on a claim under this article, a person establishes that loss or damage has been caused or incurred in consequence of—
- (a) The refusal of any consent required under this Order; or
 - (b) The grant of any such consent subject to conditions,
- He shall, subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), be entitled to compensation from the authority.

- (2) No claim, other than a claim made under made under paragraph (3), may be made under this article—
- (a) If more than 12 months have elapsed since the date of the authority's decision or, where such a decision is the subject of an appeal to the Secretary of State, the date of the final determination of the appeal; or
 - (b) If the amount in respect of which the claim would otherwise have been made is less than £500.
- (3) Where the authority refuse consent under this Order for the felling in the course of forestry operations of any part of a woodland area, they shall not be required to pay compensation to any person other than the owner of the land; and such compensation shall be limited to an amount equal to any depreciation in the value of the trees which is attributable to deterioration in the quality of the timber in consequence of the refusal.
- (4) In any other case, no compensation shall be payable to a person—
- (a) For loss of development value or other diminution in the value of the land;
 - (b) For loss or damage which, having regard to the statement of reasons submitted in accordance with article 6(c) and any documents or other evidence submitted in support of any such statement, was not reasonably foreseeable when consent was refused or was granted subject to conditions;
 - (c) For loss or damage reasonable foreseeable by that person and attributable to his failure to take reasonable steps to avert the loss or damage or to mitigate its extent; or
 - (d) For costs incurred in appealing to the Secretary of State against the refusal of any consent required under this Order or the grant of any such consent subject to conditions.
- (5) Subsections (3) to (5) of section 11 (terms of compensation on refusal of licence) of the Forestry Act 1967 shall apply to the assessment of compensation under paragraph (3) as it applies to the assessment of compensation where a felling licence is refused under section 10 (application for felling licence and decision of Commissioners thereon) of that Act as if for any reference to a felling licence there were substituted a reference to a consent required under this Order and for the reference to the Commissioners there were substituted a reference to the authority.
- (6) In this article—
- "development value" means an increase in value attributable to the prospect of development; and, in relation to any land, the development of it shall include the clearing of it; and
- "owner" has the meaning given to it by section 34 of the Forestry Act 1967.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2011

THE COMMON SEAL of)
MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)
was hereunto affixed)
in the presence of: -)



Member of the Council *Brian Hood*

Authorised Signatory *[Signature]*

CONFIRMATION OF ORDER

This Order was confirmed by Monmouthshire County Council without modification on the _____ day of _____ 2011

This Order was confirmed by Monmouthshire County Council, subject to the modifications indicated by

on the _____ day of _____ 2011

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Authorised by the Council to sign in that behalf

DECISION NOT TO CONFIRM ORDER

A decision not to confirm this Order was taken by Monmouthshire County Council on the _____ day of _____ 2011

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Authorised by the Council to sign in that behalf

VARIATION OF ORDER

This Order was varied by Monmouthshire County Council on the _____ day of _____ 2011 under the reference number _____

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Authorised by the Council to sign in that behalf

REVOCAATION OF ORDER

This Order was revoked by Monmouthshire County Council on the _____ day of _____ 2011 under the reference number _____

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Authorised by the Council to sign in that behalf

**SCHEDULE 1
SPECIFICATION OF TREES**

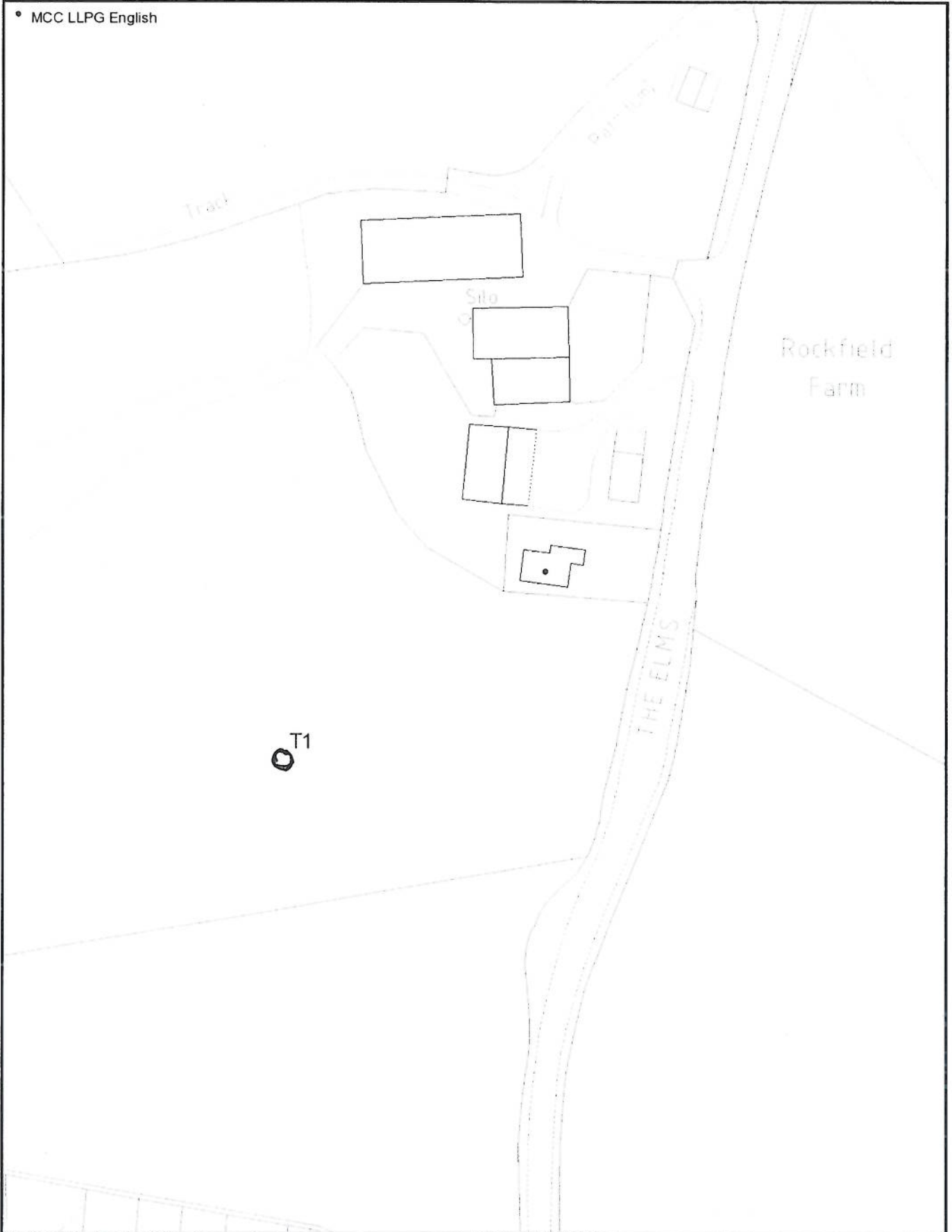
Trees specified individually
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Ref. on map
T1

Description
Oak

Situation
ST 4370 8766

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Details:
TPO MCC (2011)
Rockfield Farm, The Elms, Undy

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SCHEDULE 2

Part I

Provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 applied with adaptations or modifications

Provision of the Town Adaptation or Modification and Country Planning Act 1990

Section 69 (registers)(a) In subsection (1) –

(i) omit –

" , In such manner as may be prescribed by a development order,"

"Such" in the second place where it appears, and

"as may be so prescribed"; and

(ii) Substitute "matters relevant to tree preservation orders made by the authority" for "applications for planning permission".

(b) In subsection (2) –

(i) After "contain" insert "as regards each such order"; and

(ii) For paragraphs (a) and (b) substitute -

(a) Details of every application under the order and of the authority's decision (if any) in relation to each such application, and

(b) A statement as to the subject-matter of every appeal under the order and of the date and nature of the Secretary of State's determination of it."

(c) Omit subsections (3) and (4) (as required by section 198(4)).

Section 70
(determination of
applications: general
considerations)

(a) In subsection (1) –

(i) Substitute –

"Subject to subsections (1A) and (1B), where" for
"Where";

"The authority" for "a local planning authority";

"consent under a tree preservation order" for "planning
permission" where those words first appear; and

"Consent under the order" for "planning permission" in
both of the other places where those words appear;

(ii) After "think fit", insert –

" (Including conditions limiting the duration of the
consent or requiring the replacement of trees)"; and

(iii) Omit "subject to sections 91 and 92,".

(b) After subsection (1) insert –

" (1A) Where an application relates to an area of
woodland, the authority shall grant consent so far
as accords with the practice of good forestry,
unless they are satisfied that the granting of
consent would fail to secure the maintenance of the
special character of the woodland or the woodland
character of the area.

(1B) Where the authority grant consent for the
felling of trees in a woodland area they shall not
impose conditions requiring replacement where
such felling is carried out in the course of forestry
operations (but may give directions for securing
replanting)."

(c) Omit subsections (2) and (3).

Section 75 (effect of
planning permission)

(a) In subsection (1) substitute –

(i) "Any" for the words from "Without" to "any";

(ii) "consent under a tree preservation order" for
"planning permission to develop land";

(iii) "the consent" for "the permission"; and

(iv) "the land to which the order relates" for "the land".

(b) Omit subsections (2) and (3).

Section 78 (right to appeal against planning decisions and failure to take such decisions)

- (a) In subsection (1) substitute
- (i) "The authority" for "a local planning authority";
 - (ii) "consent under a tree preservation order" for "planning permission" in the first place where those words appear;
 - (iii) "Consent under such an order" for "planning permission" in the second place where those words appear;
- (iv) for paragraph (c) substitute –
- (c) Give a direction under a tree preservation order, or refuse an application for any consent, agreement or approval of that authority required by such a direction; or
 - (d) Fail to determine any such application as is referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) within the period of 8 weeks beginning with the date on which the application was received by the authority,".

(b) Omit subsection (2).

(c) In subsection (3) for "served within such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by a development order." substitute –

"In writing addressed to the Secretary of State, specifying the grounds on which the appeal is made; and such notice shall be served –

- (a) In respect of a matter mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1), within the period of 28 days from the receipt of notification of the authority's decision or direction or within such longer period as the Secretary of State may allow;
- (b) In respect of such a failure as is mentioned in paragraph (d) of that subsection, at any time after the expiration of the period mentioned in that paragraph, but if the authority have informed the applicant that the application has been refused, or granted subject to conditions, before an appeal has been made, an appeal may only be made against that refusal or grant."

(d) For subsection (4), substitute-
"The Appellant shall serve on the authority a copy of the notice mentioned in subsection (3)

(e) For subsection (5) substitute -
"For the purposes of the application of section 79 (1), in relation to an appeal made under subsection (1)(d), it shall be assumed that the authority decided to refuse the application in question."

Section
(determination
of appeals)

79 of (a) In subsections (1) and (2), substitute "the authority" for "the local planning authority".

(b) Omit subsection (3).

(c) In subsection (4), substitute -

(i) "section 70(1), (1A) and (1B)" for "sections 70, 72(1) and (5), 73 and 73A and Part I of Schedule 5";

(ii) "Consent under a tree preservation order" for "planning permission"; and

(iii) "The authority." for "the local planning authority and a development order may apply, with or without modifications, to such an appeal any requirements imposed by a development order by virtue of section 65 or 71."

(d) Omit subsections (6) and (6A).

(e) In subsection (7), omit the words after "section 78".

PART II

PROVISIONS OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990, AS ADAPTED AND MODIFIED BY PART I

The following provisions of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as adapted and modified by Part I of this Schedule, apply in relation to consents, and applications for consent, under this Order.

Section 69

- (1) Every local planning authority shall keep a register containing information with respect to matters relevant to tree preservation orders made by the authority.
- (2) The register shall contain, as regards each such order -
 - (a) Details of every application under the order and of the authority's decision (if any) in relation to each such application, and
 - (b) A statement as to the subject-matter of every appeal under the order and of the date and nature of the Secretary of State's determination of it.
- (5) Every register kept under this section shall be available for inspection by the public at all reasonable hours.

Section 70

- (1) Subject to subsections (1A) and (1B), where an application is made to the authority for consent under a tree preservation order -
 - (a) They may grant consent under the order, either unconditionally or subject to such conditions as they think fit (including conditions limiting the duration of the consent or requiring the replacement of trees); or
 - (b) They may refuse consent under the order.
- (1A) Where an application relates to an area of woodland, the authority shall grant consent so far as accords with the practice of good forestry, unless they are satisfied that the granting of consent would fail to secure the maintenance of the special character of the woodland or the woodland character of the area.
- (1B) Where the authority grant consent for the felling of trees in a woodland area they shall not impose conditions requiring replacement where such felling is carried out in the course of forestry operations (but may give directions for securing replanting).

Section 75

Any grant of consent under a tree preservation order shall (except in so far as the consent otherwise provides) ensure for the benefit of the land to which the order relates and of all persons for the time being interested in it.

Section 78

- (1) Where the authority -
 - (b) Refuse an application for consent under a tree preservation order or grant it subject to conditions;
 - (c) Refuse an application for any consent, agreement or approval of that authority required by a condition imposed on a grant of consent under such an order or grants it subject to conditions;
 - (d) Give a direction under a tree preservation order, or refuse an application for any consent, agreement or approval of that authority required by such a direction; or
 - (e) Fail to determine any such application as is referred to in paragraphs (a) to (c) within the period of 8 weeks beginning with the date on which the application was received by the authority,

The applicant may by notice appeal to the Secretary of State.

- (3) Any appeal under this section shall be made by notice in writing addressed to the Secretary of State, specifying the grounds on which the appeal is made; and such notice shall be served -
 - (a) In respect of a matter mentioned in any of paragraphs (a) to (c) of subsection (1), within the period of 28 days from the receipt of notification of the authority's decision or direction or within such longer period as the Secretary of State may allow;
 - (b) in respect of such a failure as is mentioned in paragraph (d) of that subsection, at any time after the expiration of the period mentioned in that paragraph, but if the authority have informed the applicant that the application has been refused, or granted subject to conditions, before an appeal has been made, an appeal may only be made against that refusal or grant.
- (4) The appellant shall serve on the authority a copy of the notice mentioned in subsection (3).
- (5) For the purposes of the application of section 79(1), in relation to an appeal made under subsection (1)(d), it shall be assumed that the authority decided to refuse the application in question.

Section 79

- (1) On an appeal under section 78 the Secretary of State may -
 - (a) Allow or dismiss the appeal, or
 - (b) Reverse or vary any part of the decision of the authority (whether the appeal relates to that part of it or not),

And may deal with the application as if it had been made to him in the first instance.

- (2) Before determining an appeal under section 78 the Secretary of State shall, if either the appellant or the authority so wish, give each of them an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Secretary of State for the purpose.

- (4) Subject to subsection (2), the provisions of section 70(1), (1A) and (1B) shall apply, with any necessary modifications, in relation to an appeal to the Secretary of State under section 78 as they apply in relation to an application for consent under a tree preservation order which falls to be determined by the authority.

- (5) The decision of the Secretary of State on such an appeal shall be final.
- (7) Schedule 6 applies to appeals under section 78.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREES) REGULATIONS 1999

**Tree preservation order number MCC 223 (2011)
Monmouthshire County Council**

THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE to let you know that on **28 November 2011** the Council made the above tree preservation order.

A copy of the order is enclosed. In simple terms, it prohibits anyone from cutting down, topping or lopping of any of the trees described in the First Schedule and shown on the map without the Council's consent.

Some explanatory guidance on tree preservation orders is given in the leaflet, *Protected Trees: A Guide to Tree Preservation Procedures*, produced by the Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions, and the Welsh Office, a copy of which will be provided on request to this office.

The Council have made the order because **it wishes to protect a tree that may be under threat from development and to preserve the visual amenity of the area**

The order took effect, on a provisional basis, on **28 November 2011**. It will continue in force on this basis for a further 6 months or until the order is confirmed by the Council, whichever first occurs.

The Council will consider whether the order should be confirmed, that is to say, whether it should take effect formally. Before this decision is made, the people affected by the order have a right to make objections or other representations about any of the trees, groups of trees or woodlands covered by the order.

If you would like to make any objections or other comments, please make sure we receive them in writing by **3 January 2012**. Your comments must comply with regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999, a copy of which is provided overleaf. Send your comments to me at the address shown below. All valid objections or representations are carefully considered before a decision on whether to confirm the order is made.

The Council will write to you again when that decision has been made. In the meantime, if you would like any further information or have any questions about this letter, please contact me.

Dated: 28 November 2011

Signed:



S. M. W. ANDREWS

**COPY OF REGULATION 4 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(TREES) REGULATIONS 1999**

Objections and representations

4(1) *Subject to paragraph (2), objections and representations—*

(a) shall be made in writing and—

- (i) delivered to the authority not later than the date specified by them under regulation 3(2)(c); or*
 - (ii) sent to the authority in a properly addressed and pre-paid letter posted at such time that, in the ordinary course of post, it would be delivered to them not later than that date;*
- (b) shall specify the particular tree(s), groups of trees or woodlands (as the case may be) in respect of which the objections or representations are made; and*

(c) in the case of an objection, shall state the reasons for the objection.

4(2) *The authority may treat as duly made objections and representations which do not comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) if, in the particular case, they are satisfied that compliance with those requirements could not reasonably have been expected.*