

## TREES IN CONSERVATION AREAS

**T**rees in Conservation Areas are subject to similar controls as TPO trees. It is an offence to cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or destroy trees in Conservation Areas without consent from the Council, or following the expiration of a 6 week period of written notice detailing works proposed to trees in a Conservation Area.



Notice should be provided in the form of a written application, detailing the work proposed and reasons for the work. Applications are only necessary if one of several exemptions do not apply. The Council cannot refuse consent for work to trees in a Conservation Area, but may issue a Tree Preservation Order within the 6 week period if they consider the work proposed to be unsuitable and detrimental to amenity. The same rights of objection and appeal apply to TPO's made following an application to undertake work to Conservation Area trees.



Trees situated on road verges are usually owned and managed by the Council and tend to be exempt from control by Tree Preservation Orders.

If you are concerned about trees on the road verge then contact the Council Arboricultural Officer, Mr John Withers, (Tel: 01446 709556) based within the Parks & Grounds Maintenance Group of the Visible Services Division

In order to assist people in submitting applications to undertake work to protected trees or trees in Conservation Areas, an application form is available from the Council.

If you require an application form or have any questions about trees, hedgerows, tree protection, Tree Preservation Orders or applications for work to trees, please contact:

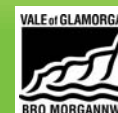
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## GUIDE TO PROTECTED TREES



The towns and villages of the Vale of Glamorgan are blessed with a wealth of mature trees in gardens, woodlands and hedgerows. Trees make towns and villages more pleasant to live in. Aside from their aesthetic qualities trees give shelter against inclement weather, reduce noise and atmospheric pollution and provide a home for wildlife.







## TREES SUBJECT TO TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

**T**he Town and Country Planning Act (1990) empowers Local Planning Authorities such as the Vale of Glamorgan Council to protect trees and woodlands by making Tree Preservation Orders (TPO's)

The principal effect of a TPO is to prohibit the cutting down, uprooting, topping, lopping, wilful damage or wilful destruction of a tree or trees without the consent of the Council.



A TPO does not mean that you can never prune or fell a tree, or that you have to wait until it dies or falls down.



Unless the tree(s) meet one of a number of exemptions then you will be required to submit a written application to the Council, detailing the work proposed and reasons for the work.

A decision notice will be sent to you within 8 weeks from the date of the application. The notice will provide consent or refusal of consent for work and may include conditions relating to new tree planting or the precise nature of permitted work. There are rights of appeal against the decision if the Council decides to refuse consent for the work.



## REQUESTS FOR NEW TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

**I**f you wish to apply for a Tree Preservation Order because you feel certain trees are worthy of protection or are at risk, then you should write to the Council providing details and a plan indicating the location and species of trees involved. The trees will then be assessed and you will be contacted once a decision has been made whether or not to make a Tree preservation Order.

