Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Viewer
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Background

Trees can have a high amenity value and can make an important contribution to the environment, creating a varied, interesting and attractive landscape. They can help define the character of an area and create a sense of place. Trees also provide wildlife habitat and contribute to the health and well-being of humans.

A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) is a statutory protection afforded to trees under the Planning Act (Northern Ireland) 2011. A TPO is imposed in order to protect selected trees or woodland if their removal is likely to have a significant impact on the local environment and its enjoyment by the public.

Trees in a conservation area are also subject to protection as though a TPO is in place.

The Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Viewer has been created to enable users to identify where current TPOs and Conservation Areas within the Belfast City Council area are located.

Please Note – The TPO data used in the viewer is provided for information only and should not be used as a basis for decisions that may have legal implications.

Further information on TPOs can be found on the Tree Preservation Orders web page of Belfast City Council website or by contacting the Tree Officer:

Belfast Planning Service
Ground Floor
Cecil Ward Building
4-10 Linenhall Street
Belfast, BT2 8BP

Tel: 028 9050 0510
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Web Browser compatibility

The TPO and Conservation Area Viewer should work with most web browsers including Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Safari and Opera. However there may be performance issues when using Internet Explorer.
Help & Support

A ‘Help’ section on using the viewer can be found under the ‘Option’ tab.

Note – Not all the functionality described in the Help section is available with the current version of the TPO and Conservation Area Viewer.

Should you have any queries or wish to provide feedback on the TPO and Conservation Area Viewer please contact the Planning Office at LocalDevelopmentPlan@BelfastCity.gov.uk and include ‘TPO and Conservation Area Viewer’ in the subject line.

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