

Aberdeenshire Council submission of 6 June 2022

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

The mechanisms in place for reporting a potential breach of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), including how such information is recorded and analysed.

Breaches are reported to the Environment Team in many forms. On receipt of an initial report the claimed breach is investigated by an officer from the Environment Team as per the Unauthorised Tree Work process map. A record of the investigation is retained in the Unauthorised Tree Work Report & Record document. This standard document is a relatively new development for the Environment Team and is currently in the process of being modified and improved.

In relation to the additional information requested this is summarised in the table below.

- **The number of potential breaches of TPOs reported to you between 2012-22, broken down by year.**
- **The number of prosecutions you have undertaken in relation to Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) between 2012 – 2022; broken down by year; and**
- **The number of occasions where a breach of a TPO has not proceeded to prosecution, and the reasons for not pursuing prosecution.**

Year	No. of reported breaches	No. of prosecutions undertaken	No. of occasions breach has not proceeded to prosecution	Reasons for not pursuing prosecution

2012	0	0	0	n/a
2013	0	0	0	n/a
2014	0	0	0	n/a
2015	0	0	0	n/a
2016	0	0	0	n/a
2017	0	0	0	n/a
2018	0	0	0	n/a
2019	0	0	0	n/a
2020	3	0	3	2 reported incidents were not breaches. In 1 case a s168 replacement tree notice was served, and replacement trees planted (through planning approval landscaping conditions)
2021	1	0	1	Insufficient information
2022	1			Process currently ongoing