

South Ayrshire Council submission of 25 July 2022

PE1812/PP: 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.

The Enforcement Charter (link below) is available on the Council website and sets out how the Council will consider and deal with a potential breach of a Tree Preservation Order. This also provides contact details for members of the public to report a potential breach. All potential breaches are recorded; this is currently in paper format but we are looking to move to electronic records in the future.

A record of all Tree Preservation Orders is available on the Council website.

[Planning Enforcement Charter 2020 \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/planning-enforcement-charter-2020)

The number of potential breaches of TPOs reported to you between 2012-22, broken down by year.

Year	Number of Potential Breaches of TPOs
2012	1
2013	3
2014	2
2015	2
2016	0
2017	0
2018	3
2019	2
2020	0
2021	3
2022	1

The number of prosecutions you have undertaken in relation to Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) between 2012 – 2022; broken down by year; and

No prosecutions undertaken in relation to breaches of Tree Preservation Orders within the timeframe (2012 – 2022).

The number of occasions where a breach of a TPO has not proceeded to prosecution, and the reasons for not pursuing prosecution.

- Lack of evidence to support submission to Procurator Fiscal
- No further action due to scale and nature of work
- Agreed compensatory re-planting scheme
- Retrospective Tree Works Application submitted