

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997

THE EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL (CROMWELL ROAD, NORTH BERWICK, EAST LoTHIAN)

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER No.149 (2025)

Notice is hereby given that East Lothian Council (referred to below as the "Council") as statutory planning authority in exercise of their powers conferred upon them by Section 160 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (referred to below as the "1997 Act") have made The East Lothian Council (Cromwell Road, North Berwick, East Lothian) Tree Preservation Order No.149 (2025) (referred to below as the "Order") in respect of Protected Trees (T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5 and W1) as specified in the Order.

The Order takes effect on 17 April 2025 and provides immediate protection for the Protected Trees (T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5 and W1) as specified in the Order.

In terms of Section 160(1) of the 1997 Act it appears to the Council that the requirements of Section 160 (1A) (a) and (b) of the 1997 Act are met in regard to Protected Trees (T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5 and W1) and the making of the Order is therefore necessary for the preservation of Protected Trees T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5 and W1.

In terms of Section 160(1) of the Act it appears to the Planning Authority that the requirements of Section 160 (1A) (a) and (b) of the Act are met in regard to T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5 and W1 and the making of the Order is therefore necessary for the preservation of Protected Trees T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5 and W1.

Accordingly, it is expedient in the interests of amenity to make the Order in relation to Protected Trees and in addition, they form an integral part of the historic Victorian streetscape design adding to the history of the area. A number of the trees date from the original building date. Further and in particular, the Protected Trees T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5 and W1 make an important contribution to the visual amenity of this part of North Berwick and link with trees in the wider North Berwick Conservation Area, including protected trees to the east within the grounds of Springfield Crescent and Gardens. The trees are important for biodiversity by providing an area of woodland within the heart of the urban area and creating connectivity of habitat along the street and into the wider area.

The Order has the effect of prohibiting the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wilful damaging or destruction of Protected Trees T1, T2, T3, T4, T5, T6, G1, G2, G3, G4, G5 and W1 in the Order.

The Order can be viewed on the Councils' website

https://www.eastlothian.gov.uk/info/210547/planning_and_building_standards/12249/trees_tpos_and_consent_for_tree_works/3

Copies of the Order may be inspected by any person, free of charge at North Berwick Library, School Road, North Berwick during normal opening hours. Representations with respect to the Order may be made to the Council in accordance with Regulation 5 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation Order and Trees in Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Regulations 2010. This means that any representation must be made in writing, shall state the grounds thereof and shall specify the particular trees in respect of which the Order is made and any representation must be received by the Council no later than 30 May 2025.

Representations should be made in writing and addressed to Keith Dingwall, Service Manager – Planning (Chief Planning Officer), John Muir House, Brewery Park, Haddington, or by email to environment@eastlothian.gov.uk.



Proper Officer of East Lothian Council
Principal Solicitor
17 April 2025