

## Q10

Do you support the greater use and enforcement of Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) and planning conditions to ensure appropriate tree planting and aftercare on new developments?

368 Responses

329 Yes

32 No

TPO comments

I have reservations about TPOs. They can penalise the owner of land who has to put up with downside (light potential damage) for benefit of others. Sould only be used exceptionally.

I HAVE SEEN TREES REMOVED WHICH HAD TPO's WHICH WAS REPORTED, BUT NO ACTION TAKEN BY SBDC, HENCE NO TREES REPLACED

Significant trees are often felled when development is anticipated but before a planning application is made. It is then too late. Neighbours are often aware of the threat but no action is possible. The standard when planting is specified as a condition of a permission, is for aftercare for 5 years. Time should be for 10 years minimum, on large developments 25years.

Yes, but it is essential that the enforcement system is timely and effective.

I also think we should try to do a better job of recording the location, type and approximate age of trees that already exist on private land. I hear stories of people lopping down trees with impunity as they are not protected but probably should have been. In an area of high road traffic and overhead pollution trees are the ungs of the planet and must be retained.

There is already sufficient protection, there is no need for further protection.

Any trees that are established and found to be of a good quality after assessment by an Arborist should be considered for a TPO. Trees are useful on new developments but they need to be carefully positioned and chosen to ensure they do not cause problems to buildings and attract pests but I would support their use when chosen carefully by a Landscape Architect.

yes, because once they have gone, you cannot just replace a 60 foot tree tomorrow and they are part of our heritage and improve the quality of life through their simple presence - it makes an area nice as opposed to a brick and concret crap place to live