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Dated 10/07/2023

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

**Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, 2023
TPO/0586**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

**The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations
2012**

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

relating to

Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire 2023



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO TPO/0586

Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire 2023

Stroud District Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 make the following Order-

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as TPO Number TPO/0586 Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, 2023

Interpretation

2. (1) In this Order "the authority" means Stroud District Council.

(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered section is a reference to the section so numbered in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and any reference to a numbered regulation is a reference to the regulation so numbered in the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

Effect

3. (1) Subject to article 4, this Order takes effect provisionally on the date on which it is made.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (7) of section 198 (power to make tree preservation orders) or subsection (1) of section 200 (tree preservation orders: Forestry Commissioners) and, subject to the exceptions in regulation 14, no person shall-

- (a) cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage, or wilfully destroy; or
- (b) cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, wilful damage or wilful destruction of,

any tree specified in the Schedule to this Order except with the written consent of the authority in accordance with regulations 16 and 17, or of the Secretary of State in accordance with regulation 23, and, where such consent is given subject to conditions, in accordance with those conditions.



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Application to trees to be planted pursuant to a condition

4. In relation to any tree identified in the first column of the Schedule by the letter "C", being a tree to be planted pursuant to a condition imposed under paragraph (a) of section 197 (planning permission to include appropriate provision for preservation and planting of trees), this Order takes effect as from the time when the tree is planted.

Dated this 10/07/2023

.....
John Chaplin Majors and Environment Team Manager
Authorised by The Council to sign in that behalf



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CONFIRMATION OF ORDER

This Order was confirmed by the Stroud District Council without modification on the
day of 20

OR

This Order was confirmed by the Stroud District Council, subject to the modifications indicated by

on the day of 20

Signed on behalf of The Stroud District Council

.....
John Chaplin Majors and Environment Team Manager
Authorised by The Council to sign in that behalf

DECISION NOT TO CONFIRM ORDER

A decision not to confirm this Order was taken by Stroud District Council
on the day of 20

Signed on behalf of the Stroud District Council

.....
John Chaplin Majors and Environment Team Manager
Authorised by The Council to sign in that behalf



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VARIATION OF ORDER

This Order was varied by the Stroud District Council on the
day of 20

by a variation order under reference number TPO/0586 a copy of which is attached

Signed on behalf of The Stroud District Council

.....
John Chaplin Majors and Environment Team Manager

REVOCATION OF ORDER

This Order was revoked by the Stroud District Council on the
day of 20

under the reference number

Signed on behalf of The Stroud District Council

.....
John Chaplin Majors and Environment Team Manager
Authorised by The Council to sign in that behalf



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SCHEDULE

SPECIFICATIONS OF TREES

TPO Reference and location:

TPO/0586 Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

TREES SPECIFIED INDIVIDUALLY (encircled in black on the map)

Reference on map	Description	Situation
T1	Oak	Grid Reference: SO 81184 05369
T2	Oak	Grid Reference: SO 80987 05513
T3	Oak	Grid Reference: SO 81009 05511

TREES SPECIFIED BY REFERENCE TO AN AREA (within a dotted black line on the map)

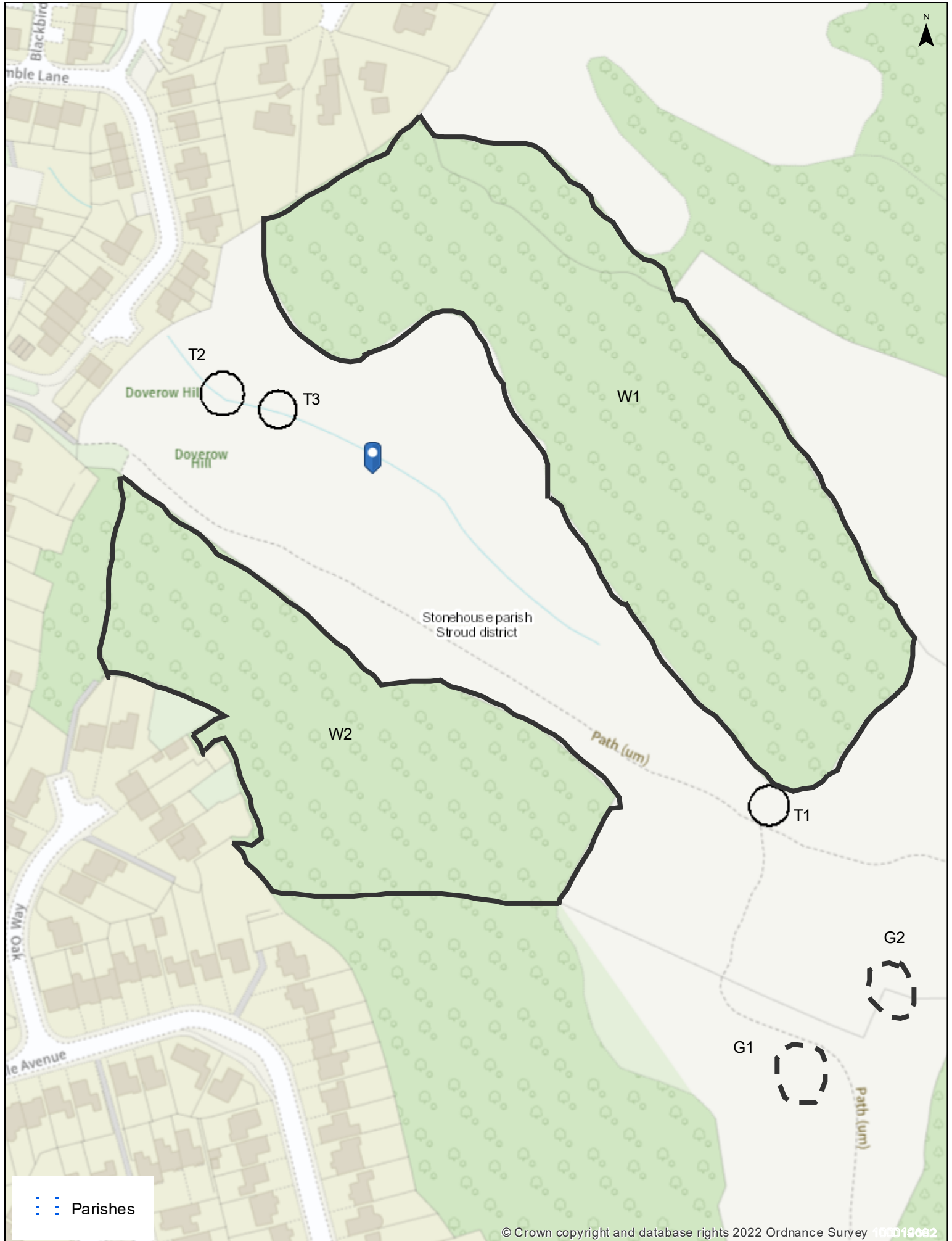
Reference on map	Description	Situation
NONE		

GROUPS OF TREES (within a broken black line on the map)

Reference on map	Description	Situation
G1	4no Sycamores	Grid Reference: SO 81189 05270
G2	3no Sycamores	Grid Reference: SO 81221 05299

WOODLANDS (within a continuous black line on the map)

Reference on map	Description	Situation
W1	Mixed species	Woodland to the Northeast on the land known as Verney Fields
W2	Mixed species	Woodland to the Southwest on the land known as Verney Fields

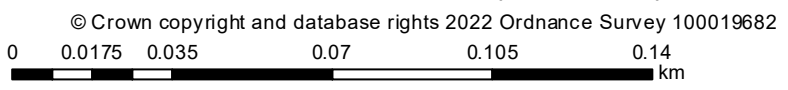


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Stroud District Council
TPO/0586 - Land Known As Verney Fields

Scale 1:1,654
printed at A4 portrait

Date: 26/05/2023



TREE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PRESERVATION ORDERS (TEMPO):

SURVEY DATA SHEET & DECISION GUIDE

Date: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="03.03.2024"/>	Surveyor: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Justin Hobbs"/>
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Tree details	
TPO Ref (if applicable): <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	Tree/Group No: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="T1"/>
Owner (if known): <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	Species: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="Oak"/>
Location: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	

Part 1: Amenity assessment

a) Condition & suitability for TPO:

Refer to Guidance Note for definitions

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5) Good | Highly suitable |
| 3) Fair | Suitable |
| 1) Poor | Unlikely to be suitable |
| 0) Dead/dying/dangerous | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes
5 Good condition for age and species, no significant defects

b) Remaining longevity (in years) & suitability for TPO: Refer to 'Species Guide' section in Guidance Note

- | | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 5) 100+ | Highly suitable |
| 4) 40-100 | Very suitable |
| 2) 20-40 | Suitable |
| 1) 10-20 | Just suitable |
| 0) <10 | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes
5 Oak tree with 100+ years life expectancy.

c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO:

Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use.

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 5) Very large trees with some visibility, or prominent large trees | Highly suitable |
| 3) Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only | Suitable |
| 2) Young, small trees, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty | Barely suitable |
| 1) Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size | Probably unsuitable |

Score & Notes
5 - elevated position, junction of paths, bench at base.

d) Other factors

Trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify

- | | |
|---|---|
| 5) Principal components of formal arboricultural features, or veteran trees | 4) Tree groups or principal members of tree groups important for their cohesion |
| 3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance | |
| 2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual | |
| 1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features | |
| -1) Trees with poor form or which are generally unsuitable for their location | |

Score & Notes
1. No significant other factors

Part 2: Expediency assessment

Trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify

- | |
|---|
| 5) Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice |
| 3) Foreseeable threat to tree |
| 2) Perceived threat to tree |

Score & Notes
2 - New landowner

Part 3: Decision guide

- | | |
|-------|-----------------------|
| Any 0 | Do not apply TPO |
| 1-6 | TPO indefensible |
| 7-10 | Does not merit TPO |
| 11-14 | TPO defensible |
| 15+ | Definitely merits TPO |

Add Scores for Total:
18

Decision:
TPO

TREE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PRESERVATION ORDERS (TEMPO):

SURVEY DATA SHEET & DECISION GUIDE

Date: <input type="text" value="03.03.2024"/>	Surveyor: <input type="text" value="Justin Hobbs"/>
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Tree details	
TPO Ref (if applicable): <input type="text"/>	Tree/Group No: <input type="text" value="T2"/> Species: <input type="text" value="Oak"/>
Owner (if known): <input type="text"/>	Location: <input type="text"/>

Part 1: Amenity assessment

a) Condition & suitability for TPO:

Refer to Guidance Note for definitions

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5) Good | Highly suitable |
| 3) Fair | Suitable |
| 1) Poor | Unlikely to be suitable |
| 0) Dead/dying/dangerous | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes
5 Good condition for age and species, no significant defects

b) Remaining longevity (in years) & suitability for TPO: Refer to 'Species Guide' section in Guidance Note

- | | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 5) 100+ | Highly suitable |
| 4) 40-100 | Very suitable |
| 2) 20-40 | Suitable |
| 1) 10-20 | Just suitable |
| 0) <10 | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes
5 Mature Oak tree but still with 100+ years life expectancy.

c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO:

Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use.

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 5) Very large trees with some visibility, or prominent large trees | Highly suitable |
| 3) Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only | Suitable |
| 2) Young, small trees, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty | Barely suitable |
| 1) Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size | Probably unsuitable |

Score & Notes
5 - Adjacent footpath, clearly visible to public

d) Other factors

Trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify

- | | |
|---|----|
| 5) Principal components of formal arboricultural features, or veteran trees | 4) |
| Tree groups or principal members of tree groups important for their cohesion | |
| 3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance | |
| 2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual | |
| 1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features | |
| -1) Trees with poor form or which are generally unsuitable for their location | |

Score & Notes
1. No significant other factors, borderline veteran tree.

Part 2: Expediency assessment

Trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify

- | |
|---|
| 5) Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice |
| 3) Foreseeable threat to tree |
| 2) Perceived threat to tree |

Score & Notes
2 - New landowner

Part 3: Decision guide

- | | |
|-------|-----------------------|
| Any 0 | Do not apply TPO |
| 1-6 | TPO indefensible |
| 7-10 | Does not merit TPO |
| 11-14 | TPO defensible |
| 15+ | Definitely merits TPO |

Add Scores for Total:
18

Decision:
TPO

TREE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PRESERVATION ORDERS (TEMPO):

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Date: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="03.03.2024"/>	Surveyor: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Justin Hobbs"/>
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Tree details	
TPO Ref (if applicable): <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	Tree/Group No: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="G1"/>
Owner (if known): <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	Species: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="3no Sycamore"/>
Location: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text"/>	

Part 1: Amenity assessment

a) Condition & suitability for TPO:

Refer to Guidance Note for definitions

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5) Good | Highly suitable |
| 3) Fair | Suitable |
| 1) Poor | Unlikely to be suitable |
| 0) Dead/dying/dangerous | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes
3/4 Some trees have basal cavities/wounds.

b) Remaining longevity (in years) & suitability for TPO: Refer to 'Species Guide' section in Guidance Note

- | | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 5) 100+ | Highly suitable |
| 4) 40-100 | Very suitable |
| 2) 20-40 | Suitable |
| 1) 10-20 | Just suitable |
| 0) <10 | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes
2/3 - Intervention / remedial pruning works likely to be needed in future.

c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO:

Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use.

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 5) Very large trees with some visibility, or prominent large trees | Highly suitable |
| 3) Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only | Suitable |
| 2) Young, small trees, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty | Barely suitable |
| 1) Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size | Probably unsuitable |

Score & Notes
5 Trees form a large, prominent group on an elevated position clearly visible from footpath.

d) Other factors

Trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify

- 5) Principal components of formal arboricultural features, or veteran trees
- 4) Tree groups or principal members of tree groups important for their cohesion
- 3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance
- 2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual
- 1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features
- 1) Trees with poor form or which are generally unsuitable for their location

Score & Notes
1.

Part 2: Expediency assessment

Trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify

- 5) Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice
- 3) Foreseeable threat to tree
- 2) Perceived threat to tree

Score & Notes
2 - New landowner

Part 3: Decision guide

- | | |
|-------|-----------------------|
| Any 0 | Do not apply TPO |
| 1-6 | TPO indefensible |
| 7-10 | Does not merit TPO |
| 11-14 | TPO defensible |
| 15+ | Definitely merits TPO |

Add Scores for Total:
11- 15

Decision:
TPO

TREE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PRESERVATION ORDERS (TEMPO):

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Date: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="03.03.2024"/>	Surveyor: <input style="width: 95%;" type="text" value="Justin Hobbs"/>
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Tree details	
TPO Ref (if applicable): <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	Tree/Group No: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="W1"/> Species: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text" value="Mixed"/>
Owner (if known): <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>	Location: <input style="width: 80%;" type="text"/>

Part 1: Amenity assessment

a) Condition & suitability for TPO:

Refer to Guidance Note for definitions

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5) Good | Highly suitable |
| 3) Fair | Suitable |
| 1) Poor | Unlikely to be suitable |
| 0) Dead/dying/dangerous | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes
4 - Mixed native species, mainly deciduous. Young woodland with emerging standard trees. Some older and veteran trees along northern edge.

b) Remaining longevity (in years) & suitability for TPO: Refer to 'Species Guide' section in Guidance Note

- | | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 5) 100+ | Highly suitable |
| 4) 40-100 | Very suitable |
| 2) 20-40 | Suitable |
| 1) 10-20 | Just suitable |
| 0) <10 | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes
4 - Species mix includes long lived species. 1 point reduction for ash trees.

c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO:

Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use.

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 5) Very large trees with some visibility, or prominent large trees | Highly suitable |
| 3) Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only | Suitable |
| 2) Young, small trees, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty | Barely suitable |
| 1) Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size | Probably unsuitable |

Score & Notes
5 Woodland is on slope, higher reaches are a skyline feature. Clearly visible to public from

d) Other factors

Trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify

- | | |
|---|---|
| 5) Principal components of formal arboricultural features, or veteran trees | 4) Tree groups or principal members of tree groups important for their cohesion |
| 3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance | |
| 2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual | |
| 1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features | |
| -1) Trees with poor form or which are generally unsuitable for their location | |

Score & Notes
3. Woodland is valuable habitat.

Part 2: Expediency assessment

Trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify

- | |
|---|
| 5) Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice |
| 3) Foreseeable threat to tree |
| 2) Perceived threat to tree |

Score & Notes
2 - New landowner

Part 3: Decision guide

- | | |
|-------|-----------------------|
| Any 0 | Do not apply TPO |
| 1-6 | TPO indefensible |
| 7-10 | Does not merit TPO |
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| 15+ | Definitely merits TPO |

Add Scores for Total:
18

Decision:
TPO

TREE EVALUATION METHOD FOR PRESERVATION ORDERS (TEMPO):

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Date: <input type="text" value="03.03.2024"/>	Surveyor: <input type="text" value="Justin Hobbs"/>
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Tree details	
TPO Ref (if applicable): <input type="text"/>	Tree/Group No: <input type="text" value="W2"/> Species: <input type="text" value="Mixed"/>
Owner (if known): <input type="text"/>	Location: <input type="text"/>

Part 1: Amenity assessment

a) Condition & suitability for TPO:

Refer to Guidance Note for definitions

- | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 5) Good | Highly suitable |
| 3) Fair | Suitable |
| 1) Poor | Unlikely to be suitable |
| 0) Dead/dying/dangerous | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes
3 - Mixed native species, mainly deciduous. Young woodland with emerging standard trees. 2 point deduction as ash is a significant

b) Remaining longevity (in years) & suitability for TPO: Refer to 'Species Guide' section in Guidance Note

- | | |
|-----------|-----------------|
| 5) 100+ | Highly suitable |
| 4) 40-100 | Very suitable |
| 2) 20-40 | Suitable |
| 1) 10-20 | Just suitable |
| 0) <10 | Unsuitable |

Score & Notes
3 - Species mix includes long lived species. 2 point reduction for ash trees.

c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO:

Consider realistic potential for future visibility with changed land use.

- | | |
|---|---------------------|
| 5) Very large trees with some visibility, or prominent large trees | Highly suitable |
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| 2) Young, small trees, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty | Barely suitable |
| 1) Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size | Probably unsuitable |

Score & Notes
5 Woodland is on elevated position. Clearly visible to public from footpath.

d) Other factors

Trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify

- | | |
|---|----|
| 5) Principal components of formal arboricultural features, or veteran trees | 4) |
| Tree groups or principal members of tree groups important for their cohesion | |
| 3) Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance | |
| 2) Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual | |
| 1) Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features | |
| -1) Trees with poor form or which are generally unsuitable for their location | |

Score & Notes
3. Woodland is valuable habitat.

Part 2: Expediency assessment

Trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify

- | |
|---|
| 5) Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice |
| 3) Foreseeable threat to tree |
| 2) Perceived threat to tree |

Score & Notes
2 - New landowner

Part 3: Decision guide

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|-------|-----------------------|
| Any 0 | Do not apply TPO |
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| 7-10 | Does not merit TPO |
| 11-14 | TPO defensible |
| 15+ | Definitely merits TPO |

Add Scores for Total:
16

Decision:
TPO

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 12 Jul 2023 12:56:32

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: Verney Field TPO

Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 12:53 PM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Verney Field TPO

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2023 12:07 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: Verney Field TPO

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Hello Justin,

I write to thank you for the correspondence regarding the Verney Field TPO and give my emphatic support.

I can not say I can recognise the trees specifically from the poor quality copy included with the correspondence but I trust that the order covers all it needs to.

Thank you for protecting the area from a land owner who has no regard for way the public have used Verney Field for close to 80 years. Some of the actions taken by the land owner border on deliberant incitement and demonstrate that without this TPO, anything could happen.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 14 Jul 2023 02:23:14

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: Support for TPO/0586

Attachments:

-----Original Message-----

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 2:23 PM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Support for TPO/0586

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 2:07 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: Support for TPO/0586

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Thank you for providing myself and other local residents with details relating to the above new TPO. I would like to support this order and thank the District Council for recognising the importance of these trees.

Thank you and best wishes

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPhone

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 Jul 2023 04:29:49
To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: FW: TPO 0586 Verney Fields, Stonehouse
Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 4:27 PM
To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: TPO 0586 Verney Fields, Stonehouse

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 3:52 PM
To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: TPO 0586 Verney Fields, Stonehouse

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Dear Tree Officer

I am a resident of Stonehouse and have lived on Browns Lane, adjacent to Verney Fields for 11 years. Over this time we have enjoyed many walks with friends and family through the field in question up to Doverow Woods, to the 'Outlook' and over to Verney Road and Cotswold Green where friends live. The area is so beautiful to us and we value being able to enjoy the wonderful trees, especially the sycamore clutch and the oak by the bench which we understand has been a local landmark and meeting place for well over a hundred years. Only 2.5% of our trees in the UK are ancient - I believe that the oak and maybe the sycamores fall into this category and as such need even greater protection. All the trees in general have been allowed to mature naturally and it has created a wonderful natural environment enjoyed by hundreds of people on a regular basis. This habitat, coupled with the amazing vistas and link to the woodland is rare close to a built up area. **I strongly support the TPO** in the interests of folk who enjoy it now and for generations to come - in difficult days like this human beings need natural green spaces and that is why this local resource needs your protection.

We know that wildlife thrives in this area where the land has not been sprayed or treated and the trees have been allowed to grow and to create a rich habitat for mammals and insects. If 53% of woodland wildlife species are declining we definitely need to protect these trees. We also know that growing trees lock up carbon, help to stabilise the soil and prevent flooding. Just 13% of the UK is covered in trees and we desperately need more to help fight climate change. Every tree you manage to save benefits us all.

In addition to the above more obvious rationale I am not confident in the new owner based on their actions since acquisition, that they understand and respect the natural environment. They have definitely shown a blatant disregard for the denizens of Stonehouse with insensitive signage, cameras, trenches to interrupt footpaths and barbed wire which appears to be designed to impair the walkers' enjoyment of Verney Fields. In light of this we feel that the area needs additional protection.

Thank you for protecting Stonehouse.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 Jul 2023 09:22:09

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: Tree Preservation Order

Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 9:13 AM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Tree Preservation Order

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 7:08 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: Tree Preservation Order

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Please add my name to the list of people wanting to protect the trees on Verney Fields and anywhere else on Doverow Hill, as I consider these to be an amenity and environmental asset to Stonehouse.

Thanks

[REDACTED]
89 Boakes Drive
Stonehouse GL103QW

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 17 Jul 2023 09:24:10
To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: FW: Verney Fields, Stonehouse TPO 0586
Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 9:13 AM
To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Verney Fields, Stonehouse TPO 0586

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2023 9:41 AM
To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: Verney Fields, Stonehouse TPO 0586

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Dear Sir or Madam

Please accept my support for the above TPO.

I have lived in Stonehouse for over a decade and together with so many locals have really appreciated the natural environment of Verney Fields. The trees have grown naturally and the whole environment leading to the woods and fields beyond feels so natural. Locals have enjoyed this area as it is for over a century. Some of the specific trees you have identified are very special specimens. The group of sycammores is quite unique in my experience and has given pleasure to many for years and years. The oak is ancient and has historic value as a meeting point and land mark.

All trees benefit us and these ancient specimens need protecting as does the woodland wildlife that rely upon arboreal habitats. It is great that you have included the developing areas with younger trees that are home to many threatened species including quite excitingly polecats that have recently been sighted in Doverow. Protecting these trees helps fight climate change and provides a necessary solace for many locals who come here to escape to a restorative environment. I am grateful that you are taking steps to safeguard this wonderful area that locals have enjoyed for so long.

Recently new owners have taken steps to prevent the people of Stonehouse enjoying this area. Trenches have been dug through footpaths and barbed wire tunnel for us to pass through and the council installed bench under the historic oak rather insensitively removed. The owners claim that they have been forced to close paths and take away the bench for our safety but their claims are false (ie to avoid dangerous power cables which we know are buried at the required depth by Western Power). We question the owner's claims and do not believe that they are keeping the public out in order to protect nature - it would seem that the reverse is true and so we are concerned about their intentions and ability to care for the natural environment responsibly. We are heartened that the Council are taking steps to protect this area for the future.

Many thanks

[REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 Jul 2023 09:05:53
To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: FW: TPO/0586
Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 9:01 AM
To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: TPO/0586

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 7:42 PM
To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: TPO/0586

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The woods and trees in the Verney Rd site provide invaluable resource and protection for a wide variety of wildlife, whilst also providing a corridor to the larger Doverow Wood. From individual trees of the two old oaks (one of which has had a ditch cut into the area around it's feeding roots) to the woods on either side of the spring and on to the viewpoint, together they support a range of species which need, in my view, to be supported and protected as the area available to wildlife is constantly being diminished. The big Oaks and the woods connect well together and the removal of either would, to my mind, compromise the area as a whole.

The wildlife includes roe and muntjack deer, foxes, badgers, owls, woodpeckers (both green and spotted), kestrel and a host of insects to support the food chain. If these woods/trees and allowed to be removed then the damage to the natural resources will cause a real reduction in the health and diversity of the wildlife population in the immediate and surrounding area.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 18 Jul 2023 09:17:04

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: TPO/0586 Verney Fields

Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 9:01 AM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: TPO/0586 Verney Fields

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2023 8:40 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: TPO/0586 Verney Fields

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I would like to support the TPO/0586 Verney Fields, we have lived in stonehouse since 1979, and as a family enjoy local walks including the lovely Verney Fields and its natural habitat, the tree's are important to the wildlife and our environment and need to be saved.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 18 Jul 2023 01:18:16
To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: FW: Support of TPO/0586 Verney fields
Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 1:18 PM
To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Support of TPO/0586 Verney fields

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 12:22 PM
To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: Support of TPO/0586 Verney fields

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Good afternoon,

I am writing in support of the new TPO/0586 in Verney fields. Many of the local residents have concerns over the use and protection of this piece of land and its trees/shrubs following new overnership in 2022.

Having enjoyed walking in these fields for over a decade, my family and I have a huge attachment to numerous trees. In particular; the Oak over the viewing bench (T1), and the clusters of Sycamore trees (G1) and (G2). My son has been admiring and playing amongst the sycamore trees (G1) since he was born. We would be quite devastated to see anything happen to any of these trees. In addition, the woodland surrounding (W1 and W2) the fields provides homes and safe spaces for the wildlife which I worry will become marginalised.

My other concern is any significant ground works near the tree roots that might compromise their health both now and in the future.

I do hope these trees can be protected for future generations and the local wildlife.

With kind regards,
[REDACTED]

Tree Preservation Orders TPO/0586

Dear Tree Officer

I am writing to support the protection of the trees cited in TPO/0586

I have lived at the top of Verney Road since 2000 and ever since I moved here I have enjoyed walking, running and dog walking up the many paths in Verney Fields.

The trees are a haven for wildlife, especially the forests that have sprung up on the right- and left-hand sides as you walk up the hill from the Verney Road Side. I recently found a juvenile Polecat on the path in Doverow Woods and took it to the Vale Wildlife Rescue Centre (see picture below). I think this indicates that there are Polecats dispersed through these trees as well as Doverow Hill woods. I understand they are fairly rare and so it is essential this habitat is kept for them to thrive going forwards. The trees support hundreds of insects, birds and bats and many mammals live in this area, eg, deer, foxes, bank voles, wood mice, shrews, frogs and newts, to name only a few.

I have helped to organise the Stonehouse Walking Festival since it started and have led Dusk Wildlife Walks up through Verney Field and onto Doverow Woods. We always stopped and looked at the magnificent Oak Trees at the bottom of the hill and the historic and well loved Verney Oak and Bench. Many people have expressed sorrow at the Bench being ripped out as it was an important focal point for the people of Stonehouse. The large group of Sycamores G1 and G2 are also magnificent trees and I worry that tapping them will result in damage to them.

During the Covid Lockdown many hundreds of people used all the paths over Verney Fields to get their daily exercise. We all know the amazing benefits of trees to health and wellbeing, both mental and physical. In addition cutting these trees would be devastating in releasing large amounts of Carbon into the atmosphere.

This is one of the last green wild spaces left in Stonehouse as we have had so many new houses build lately. Please save our trees and the biodiversity in this area. The present owners have dug big trenches exposing many tree roots, cut off access to residents and I am worried they will cause more damage to the landscape and biodiversity up there.



From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 Jul 2023 12:54:05
To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: FW: TPO/0586 FAO Tree Officer
Attachments: Tree Preservation Orders.docx

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 12:50 PM
To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: TPO/0586 FAO Tree Officer

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 9:15 AM
To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: TPO/0586 FAO Tree Officer

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Dear Tree Officer

Please find my comments supporting the TPO/0586 for Verney Fields attached.

Best Regards

[REDACTED]
Beechfield, Verney Road, Stonehouse, Gloucs. GL10 2QB
[REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 19 Jul 2023 12:56:22

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: Tree preservation

Attachments:

-----Original Message-----

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 12:49 PM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Tree preservation

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 9:14 AM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: Tree preservation

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For the attention of Stroud Tree Officer.

Re-TPO / 0586 Land known as Verney Fields Stonehouse Glos

I am emailing to support the above TPO. The mature Oak trees, Sycamores and areas of mixed woodland are vital for the ecology of the whole area.

They should be preserved also for the enjoyment of present and future residents and visitors of Stonehouse to enjoy. Benefiting both physical and mental health .

[REDACTED]

5 Chapel Row

GL102PN

Resident and regular walker of this area .

Sent from my iPhone

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 19 Jul 2023 02:04:05

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: Ref: TPO/0586

Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 2:04 PM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Ref: TPO/0586

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 1:09 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: Ref: TPO/0586

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Please make permanent the tree protection order on these trees so that future generations can enjoy our area of outstanding natural beauty and wildlife has a home.

[REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 20 Jul 2023 08:34:08
To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: FW: TPO 0586
Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 8:24 AM
To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: TPO 0586

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2023 8:21 AM
To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: TPO 0586

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Dear Tree Protection Team,

I am most concerned that this TPO 0586 has been placed following spread of misinformation.

The current landowners are trying to protect the trees on this land and use the Maples to make Maple syrup. There is damage to some of the trees on this land which requires action and care and the TPO is preventing the landowners (orchard farmers) from attending to their needs.

The TPO will have quite the opposite effect on the trees if not removed.

Stonehouse Town Council have responded appallingly to the new landowners and have escalated concerns within Stonehouse community that the land would be used to redevelop and build.

The landowners are experts in their field which is nurturing and protecting trees.

Please I request that you remove the TPO to enable these beautiful and ancient trees to survive.

Many thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 24 Jul 2023 09:07:40

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: TPO/0586 Tree Planning officer

Attachments:

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From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 8:14 AM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: TPO/0586 Tree Planning officer

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2023 6:05 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: TPO/0586 Tree Planning officer

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FAO Tree Officer, Stroud District Council REF TPO/0586

Good afternoon

I write with regard to the above Tree Preservation order , As a recent arrival to the Stonehouse area(18months) and a keen naturalist, bird watcher and Dog Walker, I am in whole hearted agreement with this Tree preservation order The variety and varying ages of the trees in what is a natural environment is a fantastic place for Flora and Forna to Live, Breed and multiply with out the ravages of Man (or other genders).

Although I'll admit there is some minor work needed on a few of the older trees, The amount of wildlife in this proposed area is quite abundant, without going into exact species observed, it is nice to be able to just sit on the top of the hill, listen watch and in the cases of the bats try and identify the various species Too many areas like this end up either being cut down for development, bulldozed over for increased arable land or generally destroyed, We must endeavour through all means at our disposal keep these areas.

Yes I'm aware this could affect others livelihood, however this is an opportunity to preserve something that will last longer than any thing else on the site Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Please withhold my address from publication

[REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 25 Jul 2023 10:39:50

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: tree preservation

Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 10:24 AM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: tree preservation

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:53 AM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: tre preservation

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Dear Sir

I understand a new TPO order has benn submitted on Verney Fields in Stonehouse.

It is for the whole wood up the left hand side of the field as you go up the hill from Verney Road stile and the woodland on the right hand side bordering around the viewpoint as well as quite a few individual trees.

I would like to support this tree preservation order as I think it is very important for the Stonehouse community to preserve the woodland that we have left after extensive building on our green fields.

It is an area where people can appreciate nature and walk peacefully.

I am particularly keen to preserve the two large Oak trees - one at the bottom of the fields which must be several hundred years old and is a beautiful tree, and one near the top which used to have a bench under it for people to sit and admire the view. Unfortunately the new owners have removed the bench but at least the tree remains.

The trees are homes for all sorts of wildlife as well as beneficial for people.

I hope they can be preserved.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]
1, Glenthorne Close
Stonehouse Glos
GL10 2EF
[REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 26 Jul 2023 09:33:28

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: tree preservation

Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 8:42 AM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: tree preservation

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:51 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: tree preservation

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Dear Tree Officer

TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS TPO/0586

I am writing to support the protection of the trees cited in TPO/0586

I have lived at the top of Verney Road since 1973

Our family used Doverow Hill and the surrounding area almost daily.

The trees are magnificent...the ones in question have a special place for many of us.

Only a few years ago the Oak trees in many places suffered from disease and this slow death was devastating to watch.

We were fortunate here that they escaped the disease, and NOW to willingly desecrate aged magnificent oaks and other trees is sacrilege.

In addition, I was horrified to find that the seat at the top of Doverow hill has been taken away. I don't know how many realise that ashes of loved ones have been scattered here in memory of how they used to walk this hill and relax on this seat. It takes a hard heart to ignore this.

Our younger generation have a love for Doverow...they have much to contend with...let them enjoy the benefits of Doverow

All the trees/forestry support wildlife and we don't want to destroy their habitat.

Thank you for being understanding on this issue and we sincerely hope for a preservation order on these trees.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 26 Jul 2023 02:41:24
To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: FW: New Tree Preservation Order TPO/0586
Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 2:41 PM
To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: New Tree Preservation Order TPO/0586

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 2:23 PM
To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: New Tree Preservation Order TPO/0586

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Hello Planning,

I am writing to express my **support** for New Tree Preservation Order TPO/0586, concerning land known as Verney Fields. I do not want any of the trees indicated on the map accompanying TPO/0586 to be damaged or destroyed in any way. It is a beautiful area that I use regularly for walking, and peace and relaxation, and it must be protected.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
10, The Brush,
Cashes Green
Stroud,
Glos,
GL5 4SH

[REDACTED]
Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 26 Jul 2023 04:06:08

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: FAO Tree Officer: TPO/0586 - Verney Fields

Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 3:34 PM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: FAO Tree Officer: TPO/0586 - Verney Fields

From: 

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 3:25 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FAO Tree Officer: TPO/0586 - Verney Fields

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Dear Stroud District Council,

Please accept this email as an expression of support for the confirmation of TPO/0586, relating to trees on Verney Fields in Stonehouse. These trees are of considerable local importance and have significant amenity value. They are visible from areas in which the general public is free to access, and deliver a wide range of benefits to the people of Stonehouse. It is essential that they be protected for the enjoyment of current and future generations, and I very much welcome the decision of Stroud District Council to create this new Tree Preservation Order.

Please note that this submission is made entirely in a personal capacity as a resident of Stonehouse, and is not on behalf of any organisation.

Kind regards,



17 Anderson Drive, Stonehouse

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 Jul 2023 08:38:51
To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: FW: TPO / 0586
Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 8:18 AM
To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: TPO / 0586

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 5:26 PM
To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: TPO / 0586

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Good Day

I would like to express my firm support for the Tree Preservation Orders made in respect of the woodland and individual trees in Verney Fields, Stonehouse.

This area may have historical importance as it is thought to be the assembly point for the Blacklow Hundred. It certainly has enormous social importance to the people of Stonehouse, being the most significant area of woodland in, or adjacent to, the town. It is geographically associated with Doverow Wood which is a primary leisure facility for local people.

Some of the trees are magnificent in themselves and, taken as a whole, the woodland provides an important wildlife habitat.

I strongly urge you to make the orders permanent to provide protection against further injurious activity by the confrontational new owners.

Yours

[REDACTED]
15 Cotswold Green
Stonehouse

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 Jul 2023 08:41:25
To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: FW: FAO Tree Officer - TPO Verney Fields Stonehouse
Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 8:18 AM
To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: FAO Tree Officer - TPO Verney Fields Stonehouse

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2023 6:27 PM
To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FAO Tree Officer - TPO Verney Fields Stonehouse

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Dear Tree Officer

I am writing to support the new TPO's at Verney Fields, Stonehouse. I am very relieved to hear that these trees are being protected because there have been a lot of changes since the new landowners took control of the land. These changes have limited public access to the land, but also seem destructive in places e.g. deep trenches very near to an ancient oak tree interfering with its roots.

I have been visiting this land for over 10 years, since I moved to the area in 2010. I regularly walk up Doverow Hill via Verney Fields, it is a very valuable local open space for the citizens of Stonehouse and is used by a lot of people. I have been concerned particularly about the large oak at the top of the hill. This old tree used to have a bench underneath it that was used by a lot of people. The bench seat has recently been removed by the new land owners, they have stated that this is due to the tree being dangerous to sit under. I am worried that this means that they plan to cut the tree down. This tree is an icon of the area, is old and very valuable for wildlife and people alike. I am relieved to hear that this tree will be specifically protected.

The Verney Fields area is an incredibly important resource for the Stonehouse community but also for the biodiversity of the area. I regularly see lots of birds when on the hill, particularly in the wooded areas. I also have see bats at dusk. Given our global biodiversity crisis, it is important we protect areas such as these.

Please let me know if there is anything else I can do to support the new TPO's, as well as continuing local access to the area.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
1, College View, Stonehouse.

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 28 Jul 2023 09:04:49

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: Support for: TPO/0586 -Land Known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

Attachments:

-----Original Message-----

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 9:03 AM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Support for: TPO/0586 -Land Known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 10:36 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: Support for: TPO/0586 -Land Known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

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FAO: Justin Hobbs, Tree Officer, Stroud District Council

Dear Mr. Hobbs,

Further to your letter of 10/07/2023 (Ref: TPO/0586), I write in support of the application TPO/0506 - Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

As a near neighbour of the land for the past 8 years, and a regular user of the public footpaths which cross it, I consider that the trees listed in the order warrant a TPO by virtue of their significant public amenity value and their value as a natural habitat. I believe they are important assets worthy of protection from any future developments or changes in land use. This is of particular concern at present as the land has recently changed hands and under its new ownership, earthworks which may be indicative of future development aspirations have taken place across the site after years of preservation.

The trees listed in the TPO are mature, healthy, fine examples of their species, appear to have years of life in them, and are much enjoyed by myself and family, and I'm sure many others besides. This is of course in addition to their value as habitat, and to the environment, as well as the character they lend to the local area.

I am fully in support of the proposed application and would like my opinion to be taken into account when considering the decision.

Yours in support,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

N.B. Please withhold my name and address from publication wherever possible.

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 28 Jul 2023 09:10:45

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: TPO/0586 - Land Known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

Attachments:

-----Original Message-----

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2023 9:03 AM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: TPO/0586 - Land Known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

-----Original Message-----

From [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 10:57 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: TPO/0586 - Land Known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

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Dear Mr Hobbes,

In relation to your letter of 10/07/23 (Ref. TPO/0586), I write in support of the application on the ground that I consider the trees have significant public amenity value as well as providing crucial natural habitat. Their contribution to the environment and peoples' enjoyment of it is significant, and in wake of a recent change of ownership of the land, significant earthworks have taken place across the site which may be indicative of plans for future development. It is my belief that these tree should protected whatever those may be, or whatever change in land use may take place.

Your sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 31 Jul 2023 04:46:26

To: dms main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: Temporary Tree Preservation Order: TPO/0586 - Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 4:45 PM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Temporary Tree Preservation Order: TPO/0586 - Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

From: Town Clerk <townclerk@stonehousetowncouncil.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, July 31, 2023 4:25 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Temporary Tree Preservation Order: TPO/0586 - Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

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Dear Tree Officer (Stroud District Council)

Stonehouse Town Council acknowledges receipt of Stroud District Council's notification dated 10/07/2023, with accompanying paperwork and relevant maps, confirming the latest temporary Tree Preservation Order TPO/0586 which includes a Schedule detailing the following specifications of trees: three Oak Trees referenced on the schedule as T1, T2 and T3; seven Sycamores referenced on the schedule as G1 and G2; Mixed Species of trees in Woodlands referenced on the schedule at W1 Land known as Verney Fields and W2 Land known as Verney Fields. It is understood that a formal response in line with regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 is appropriate.

At its meeting on Monday 24th July 2023 Stonehouse Town Council discussed the matter in detail and voted in favour of requesting the Tree Preservation Order be made permanent for the following reasons:

1. The area is used by many within the Stonehouse Community and is viewed as a place of enjoyment. The trees in this area add to this enjoyment due to their aesthetically pleasing nature and historical presence and, as a result of this are covered within the Stonehouse Community Arboretum Plan.
2. The Stonehouse Community Arboretum is an innovative and ambitious project to grow a town into an arboretum, engaging the community with trees and helping to ensure that the environmental, social and economic benefits of trees are enjoyed by all.
The trees covered by the TPO on Verney Fields have significant amenity value, and are visible from many different vantage points which are accessible to the general public, including the main routes from the town up to Doverow wood. As well as having undoubted aesthetic importance and making a vital contribution to the landscape, these trees fulfil a number of other functions associated with green infrastructure. These include intercepting rainfall, ameliorating flood risk, sequestering carbon, cooling air and ground temperatures through shade and evapotranspiration, improving air quality and offering a habitat to a wide range of flora, fauna, insects, birds and fungi. Trees are proven to improve physical health and mental wellbeing, and these specimens – located on land to which access has been freely enjoyed by generations of local residents – also have considerable cultural and heritage importance to the Stonehouse community.
Loss of, or damage to, the trees included in this TPO would have a significant negative impact on the local environment and its enjoyment by the public. A recent change in land ownership followed by groundworks and excavations within the root protection areas of some of the specimen trees on Verney demonstrates that it is expedient in the interests of amenity for the Local Authority to make provision for the preservation of these important local assets.

In 2021, Stonehouse Town Council formally adopted the Stonehouse Community Arboretum Management Plan, which can be downloaded from the Town Council website and which sets out the approach to tree care and management which the Town Council and other stakeholders hope to promote in Stonehouse. The Stonehouse Community Arboretum Management Plan has been referenced in a number of best practice guidance documents, including the 2023 publication *Trees and Woodlands Strategy Toolkit* produced by the Department for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs, the Forestry Commission and the Tree Council.

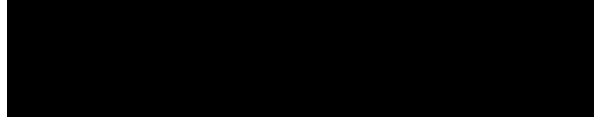
3. The importance of the land at Verney Fields to the Stonehouse Community is highlighted by recent efforts by this council and the community to try and preserve open and unrestricted access to this vitally important area through the council's Town Green application and applications for Designated Map Modification Orders (DMMOs). This can be demonstrated by the countless evidence forms completed by residents as follows:
 - A. Town Green Application – Submitted to Glos County Council in February '23 by Stonehouse Town Council with the required supporting evidence completed by the then **118 responding residents** (Please note, this number may have increased since the application was submitted)
 - B. Designated Map Modification Orders in support of designating 5 routes as 'Designated footpaths' – Submitted to Glos County Council in July '23 (Please note that the number of applications continue to increase)
 - i. 573/11/212(6) - Claimed route from MST30, over stile from Oak Way, then joins MST64. Other section joins MST30 beyond the spring. - [https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573%2f11%2f212\(6\)](https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573%2f11%2f212(6)) **51 Applications**
 - ii. 573/11/212(7) - Claimed route from MST56 west of Doverow Hill Wood to metal gate then to MST30 with an additional diagonal link to gate at intersection of MST30 and MST56. - [https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573%2f11%2f212\(7\)](https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573%2f11%2f212(7)) **59 Applications**
 - iii. 573/11/212(8) - Claimed route passes north of MST30 linking at both ends- [https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573%2f11%2f212\(8\)](https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573%2f11%2f212(8)) **92 Applications**
 - iv. 573/11/212(9) - Claimed route to viewpoint re-joining MST30 and MST62 - [https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573%2f11%2f212\(9\)](https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573%2f11%2f212(9)) **34 Applications**
 - v. 573/11/212(10) - Claimed route from two points on MST27 meeting MST62 continuing on a broad track to meet MST28 - [https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573%2f11%2f212\(10\)](https://ww3.gloucestershire.gov.uk/PROW/ApplicationForm.aspx?RecordFilter=573%2f11%2f212(10)) **102 Applications**

The town council is keen to see the trees preserved at and around Verney Fields – they are the life-blood of the environment we live in and so every effort must be made to maintain the status quo.

Carlos Novoth
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Our Ref: RDP/13887.1

Your Ref:

1 August 2023


Dear Sirs

Our Client:  ("Our Client")

TPO Reference: TPO/0586 ("the Order")

Land know as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire 2023 ("the Application Site")

1. Background

- 1.1 We are instructed by  who is the registered proprietor of part of the Application Site, namely the land registered at HM Land Registry under Title Number GR467074 ("our Client's Land"), please see attached the Register and boundary Plan confirming the same (annex 1). We confirm that our Client objects to the Order and we should be grateful for this letter to be treated as a formal objection.
- 1.2 Following the withdrawal of TPO Order/0585 on 12 July 2023 ("the Previous TPO"), a notice and accompanying order, dated 10 July 2023 ("the Notice") has been served on our Client in relation to the various trees located at the Application Site (annex 2). For the avoidance of doubt, this objection relates to all of the trees, individual and groups of, to which the Order relates.
- 1.3 Our Client's objection is set out in the following paragraphs. In summary, we submit that the Order, as drafted, is invalid, it is not expedient to make the Order given the purposes for which a TPO should be made and the Council has failed to have regard to Our Client's current and proposed management of the Land. It is not appropriate to confirm the Order in the circumstances.

2 Validity of the Order

- 2.1 In respect of the areas described as W1 and W2, the Order fails to effectively indicate where the specific trees of interest are, or give reference to the number of trees and species contained within said 'groups'. Regulation 3(1)(b) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 ("the Regulations") states that "*where the order relates to a group of trees, [it] shall specify the number of trees of each species in the group*". The Order does not set out the number of trees falling within each species and therefore does not comply with the requirements of Regulation 3(1)(b). In addition to this, the descriptions of G1 and G2 are also misinformed. G1 actually contains 6 maple trees, two of which the trunks have fused together, with 1 live maple stump connected to the roots of the entire clutch. G2 has 5 maple trees rather than the incorrectly stated 3, 2 of which are entirely independent, with 3 conjoined in-part at the

roots. These inaccuracies have led to significant mistakes within the Order and therefore it does not comply with the statutory requirement or give people the correct details upon which to base their representations.

- 2.2 Following the above, Regulation 3(3) requires that a map annexed to an order must "*give a clear indication of the position of the trees, groups of trees or woodlands to which the order relates*". In contradiction to this, the map annexed to the Order fails to give a clear indication of the position of each group of trees to which it relates. It uses a very broad, unclear mapping technique, vaguely indicating the general area the trees may be found using what appears to be an Ordnance Survey map or search engine aerial imagery. This shows general green colouring where the Council believe some trees to be. In using this mapping approach, the Application Site includes areas of land where there are no trees present, whilst using a careless straight-line through a 'green area' with absolutely no substantive reasoning as to why some of the 'green area' is subject to the Order and some is not. The Order map is hopelessly vague and does not comply with the requirements of Regulation 3(3).
- 2.3 Furthermore, the mapping appears to follow no logical reasoning for the choice of trees to be subject to the Order, for example, following the superseded TPO, the area labelled W2 has been extended in a north-westerly direction towards Verney Road but fails to include the veteran trees that overhang various gardens along that road. In addition, W1 contains various areas of land that contains no trees at all and is simply inaccurate as to the number and density of the trees on this area.
- 2.4 The Council will be aware that it is under an obligation to make tree preservation orders available for public inspection as soon as practicable after making the order (by virtue of Regulation 5(1)(b) of the Regulations). It is submitted that the Council has failed to discharge this obligation as the Order has not, at the date of this letter, been made publicly available, leaving no opportunity for our Client, and other members of the public make full and considered representations. Due to this failure to publish the application, it submitted that this has prejudiced our Client's (and others) ability to make proper representations in relation to the Order.
- 2.5 Regulation 5(2)(a) requires that sufficient reasoning and information for the Order be provided within the Notice in order to give land owners and the members of the local community a fair opportunity to respond and make representations to the Council. The Notice provides insufficient information and does not meet the requirement of Regulation 5(2)(a) and the Notice is therefore not validly made. Further details should have been available to the public in order to allow for full detailed responses, as is the public's right. It is also unclear as to why these specific trees are apparently in need of a TPO when there are other trees in the near vicinity of the Application Site that would be of more importance in terms of benefitting the local community that have not been included within the Order. The trees contained within the Order are of similar or lesser quality than trees in the surrounding area that are not currently subject to a TPO. A significant number of trees contained within the Order are insignificant and only a few are sufficiently old enough to warrant protection, if appropriate. Our Client considers it not appropriate in these circumstances, because these trees are an asset and a primary reason for our Client's purchase of this land. It is submitted the Council's reasoning and selection process is flawed and not justifiable in the circumstances. There appears to be no valid justification for the TPO, as made.
- 2.6 The Client's family has a strong interest in orcharding and produce trees and as part of their farming/agricultural activities, they have developed the ability to create maple syrup during the winter from the maple trees contained within the Application Site and more specifically within the areas labelled as G1, G2, W2 and a few scattered within W1. I enclose photographs of the process and the product they have been able to create (annex 3). Although this is not currently sold on any significant commercial scale, our Client and their family attend local markets, selling

this produce, and they are therefore increasingly eager to continue to utilise them, whilst also salvaging and protecting the trees as they see fit. The trees are continuously monitored and cared for and the produce is sold at local farmers markets and for this to continue, these produce trees need unhindered maintenance. The enforcement of a TPO would prevent and/or hinder this taking place and would restrict local people from purchasing and experiencing locally made produce.

- 2.7 In addition to the maple produce trees, in some areas of W2 there are a selection of older plum and pear trees, a photo of one of the pear trees in full fruit this summer (2023) is attached (annex 4). The fruit trees are inappropriate to be subject to the Order due to their produce nature and the current ill-health of the majority of the fruit trees. Much as above with regard to the maple trees, these produce trees need continuous, unrestricted maintenance and intensive rehabilitation which will go beyond the usual cultivation and it is not proportionate to inhibit these works with the hurdles of obtaining consents to carry out such works in order to protect these trees that are currently in poor health. Not only do the produce trees themselves need maintenance, but the surrounding, insignificant trees need thinning/pruning in order to remove competition for healthy growth; also the overcrowded density needs to be thinned to allow the area to be passable for wildlife, specifically deer.
- 2.8 In addition to the above produce trees, while our Client does not, at present, produce any acorn derived products from T1, T2 and T3, they had intended to explore & utilise their produce potential, specifically for Acorn oil, Acorn nut flour, Acorn ink from waste product extracted nut tannin & Sweet Chestnut grafting (these intentions were communicated / made known to the local parish council prior to the TPO). The Order would limit our Client's ability to explore these products in the coming years.
- 2.9 For the above reasons, both the Notice and the Order fail to satisfy the requirements of the Regulations and consequently render the Order invalid and/or ultra vires and it should be withdrawn on this basis
- 2.10 It is our understanding that some of the neighbouring owners of the land within the Application Site that is not within our Client's ownership did not receive the correct notices in accordance with Regulation 5(1)(a). Therefore, they have not had the appropriate opportunity to submit comments or objections and the Order is therefore invalid on these grounds. Our Client also submits that none of the neighbouring owners of the Application Site are a perceived threat to the wooded areas or proposing work to remove/harm the areas.

3. Amenity

- 3.1 Our Client accepts that visible trees may be an asset to the community, however, many are not visible except from the formerly withdrawn permissive routes, which are now no longer accessible to the public and have since been fenced off by our Clients. They are not visible from the Public Rights of Way ("PROW") and the photos do not accurately represent a lawful public view from our Client's land. Our Client has had countless issues with members of the public trespassing onto their Land and not utilising the PROW correctly, and clearly from the images contained within the report and the Notice, the Council have strayed from the PROW and onto our Client's land, without serving any notice of doing so, in order to take photographs of the trees. The extent of trees strictly visible from the PROW has therefore been exaggerated and does not bear up to the situation on the ground. This falsely indicates how many of the trees can be seen from the PROW.
- 3.2 The TEMPO reports provided with the Previous TPO clearly describe both W1 and W2 as 'mixed native species' with no rare or protected species being present and none of which attach a largely historical or cultural value, nor do they retain individual merit. The wider landscape behind this

area within the area known as Doverow Wood contains a much more historic area of ancient woodland which is not subject to the TPO but have a considerably more significant contribution to the amenity value. There is no basis for why certain, young, insignificant trees are being subject to the Order whilst other far better examples of specimen veteran trees (many healthy and of merit) and matured woodland in the vicinity are not.

- 3.3 The tree labelled as T3, as well as the majority of those contained in both areas W1 and W2 are young and self-seeded with very few being older than 15-20 years old, this can be seen by the attached map of 1945 and 1999 which indicates the existence of (or lack of) the trees (annex 5) and therefore not classed as ancient for the purposes of TPO protection. W1 and W2 consist of a majority of one overriding, invasive species with limited biodiversity, being insignificant hawthorn. In addition to the insignificance of the majority of the trees, W1 and W2 has succumbed to an invasion of dense bramble, that is severely overrun. This does not constitute a woodland, but is rather better described as scrub land that does not require protection from a TPO by definition and as such, are completely inappropriate areas to be subject to the Order.
- 3.4 Stroud District Council publish the criteria on their website which they will take into account before granting a TPO. Many of the trees, with specific regard to those within the groups G1 and G2, have basal blackrot, with one tree within G1 having much of the structural heartwood core destroyed by whiterot (annex 6), and are therefore a significant risk to public safety. They require intensive treatment in order to support the trees and to prevent dangers such as falling of dead or dying branches which specifically overhang the PROW; weak structures that can be a concern in high winds; or even complete collapse. It begs the question why these trees are contained within the TPO when it is clearly not appropriate for them to be so.
- 3.5 According to the TEMPO reports accompanying the Previous Order, G1 and G2 score low in terms of condition and longevity with regard to suitability for a TPO and would not have obtained an overall score of higher than ten but the score has been artificially raised due to 'new landowners' warranting a perceived threat. As discussed further below, no such threat exists and the high scores threshold would therefore not have been achieved.

4. Expediency

- 4.1 Notwithstanding that the Order was not validly drafted and served, it is submitted that it is not expedient to confirm the Order. There is no risk to the trees at the Application Site, and certainly the trees on our Client's Land, being felled or intentionally damaged in ways which would negatively affect the amenity of the local area, other than by members of the community who choose to vandalise the trees, as mentioned below.
- 4.2 Our Client is aware that as a new owner, the council may have had concerns about the possibility of a new owner wishing to develop the area, however the Council has had the opportunity to address any concerns directly but did not do so. If the Council has discussed their concerns with our Client they would have immediately become aware that this is far from our Client's intention for the Application Site. From our Client's understanding, it is far from the intentions of any of the neighbouring owners. In fact, in February 2023 when in the process of purchasing the Client's Land, our Client made their intentions for the Application Site known to the Council to reassure the Council that they revered their trees and that the Application Site was not at risk of any unsightly development.
- 4.3 It is imperative that the Council consider again the expediency in relation to the particular trees subject to the Order. The current Government advice explains that it would not be necessary to make an Order in respect of trees which are under '*good arboricultural or silvicultural management*'. Prior to our Client's ownership, the trees had been neglected for over a decade and

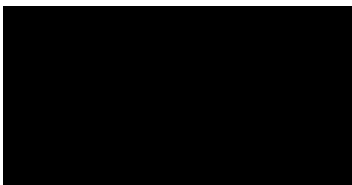
they require good management and treatment by the appropriate landowners (Our Client) and capable horticulturists and will require substantial maintenance and overdue works as early as possible. (annex 7) Our Client has expressed their wishes to continue to maintain and protect the trees, whilst also using the appropriate areas of our Client's land to create orchards. Due to the Previous TPO Order and now this current Order, our Client has been prevented from carrying out the immediately necessary works to any of the trees (during the appropriate season). As a result the trees are continuing to fail and decline. Our Client has good experience in handling and maintaining groups of trees and intends to use this expertise to preserve the Application Site. Our Client is well-experienced in managing large holdings of trees and implements the appropriate preservation measures as deemed necessary. We submit that the opposite result to the Local Council's desired effect will be achieved by confirming the Order as our Client would be prevented from managing the trees in an appropriate way that protects the integrity and survival, as well as being safe and practical for passing members of the public.

- 4.4 Some of the trees have been the victim of vandalism, graffiti and de-barking (annex 8). This can be damaging, and potentially fatal to the tree and takes a lot of care and treatment to return the affected tree to full health.
- 4.5 There has been no indication that the Application Site is subject to any development and, upon visiting the site, it is clearly evidenced that the Application Site is not an appropriate site for mass development. It backs onto an old quarry with 300ft sharp incline and it has steep inclined high banks on either side of the valley. The topography of the land is simply not appropriate for development that would put any of the trees within the Application Site at risk and again, supports the lack of expediency in confirming the Order.

5. Summary

- 5.1 It is submitted that the Order does not satisfy the legislative requirements set out in the Regulations and the reasons for granting such Order are not satisfactory. The Application Site is large and the prevention of the vandalism that the Site currently experiences will not be affected by the creation of these TPOs. We therefore respectfully request that the Order not be confirmed and this would allow the trees on the Application Site to be correctly managed and cared for by our Client and the neighbouring land owners in a manner that is appropriate for the site.

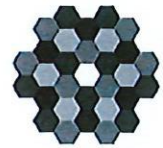
Yours faithfully



ANNEX 1

The electronic official copy of the register follows this message.

Please note that this is the only official copy we will issue. We will not issue a paper official copy.



Official copy of register of title

Title number GR467074

Edition date 09.03.2023

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- This title is dealt with by HM Land Registry, Gloucester Office.

A: Property Register

This register describes the land and estate comprised in the title.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE : STROUD

- 1 (03.08.2022) The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above title filed at the Registry and being land on the north side of Rosedale Avenue, Stonehouse.
- 2 (03.08.2022) The land has the benefit of any legal easements granted by a Conveyance of the land in this title and other land dated 2 August

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B: Proprietorship Register

This register specifies the class of title and identifies the owner. It contains any entries that affect the right of disposal.

Title absolute

- 1 (09.03.2023) PROPRIETOR: [REDACTED] care of [REDACTED]
- 2 [REDACTED]

C: Charges Register

This register contains any charges and other matters that affect the land.

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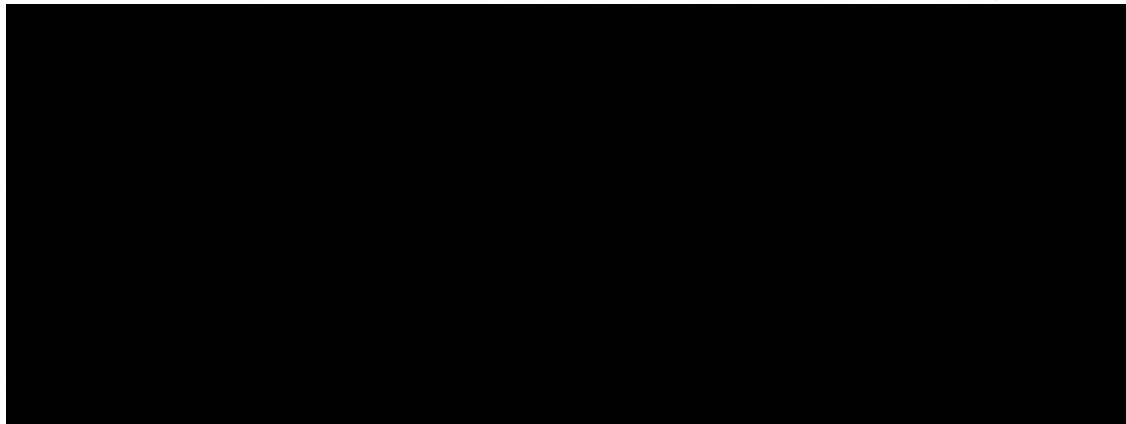
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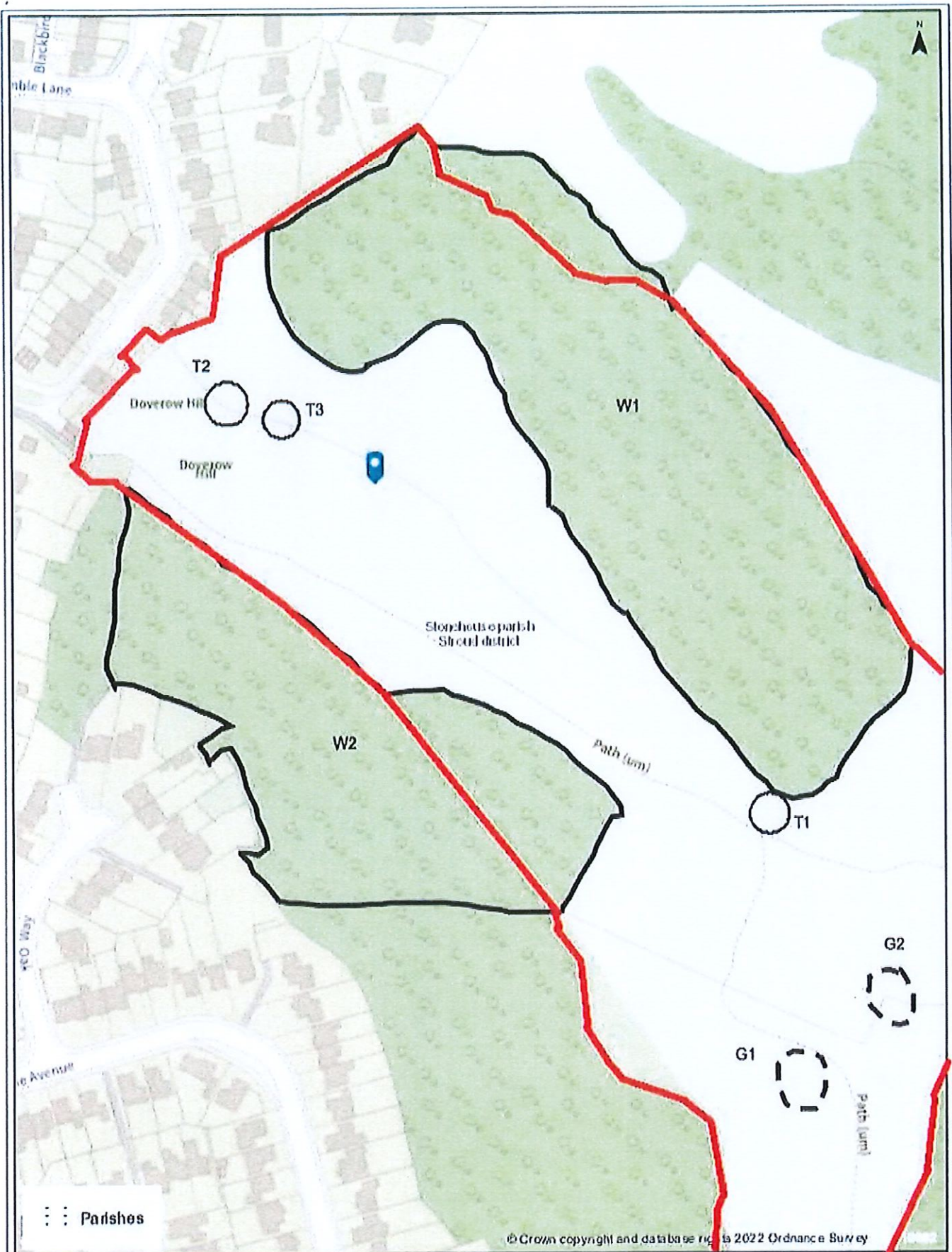
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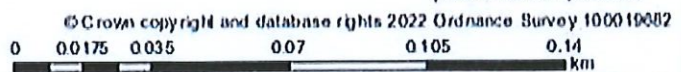
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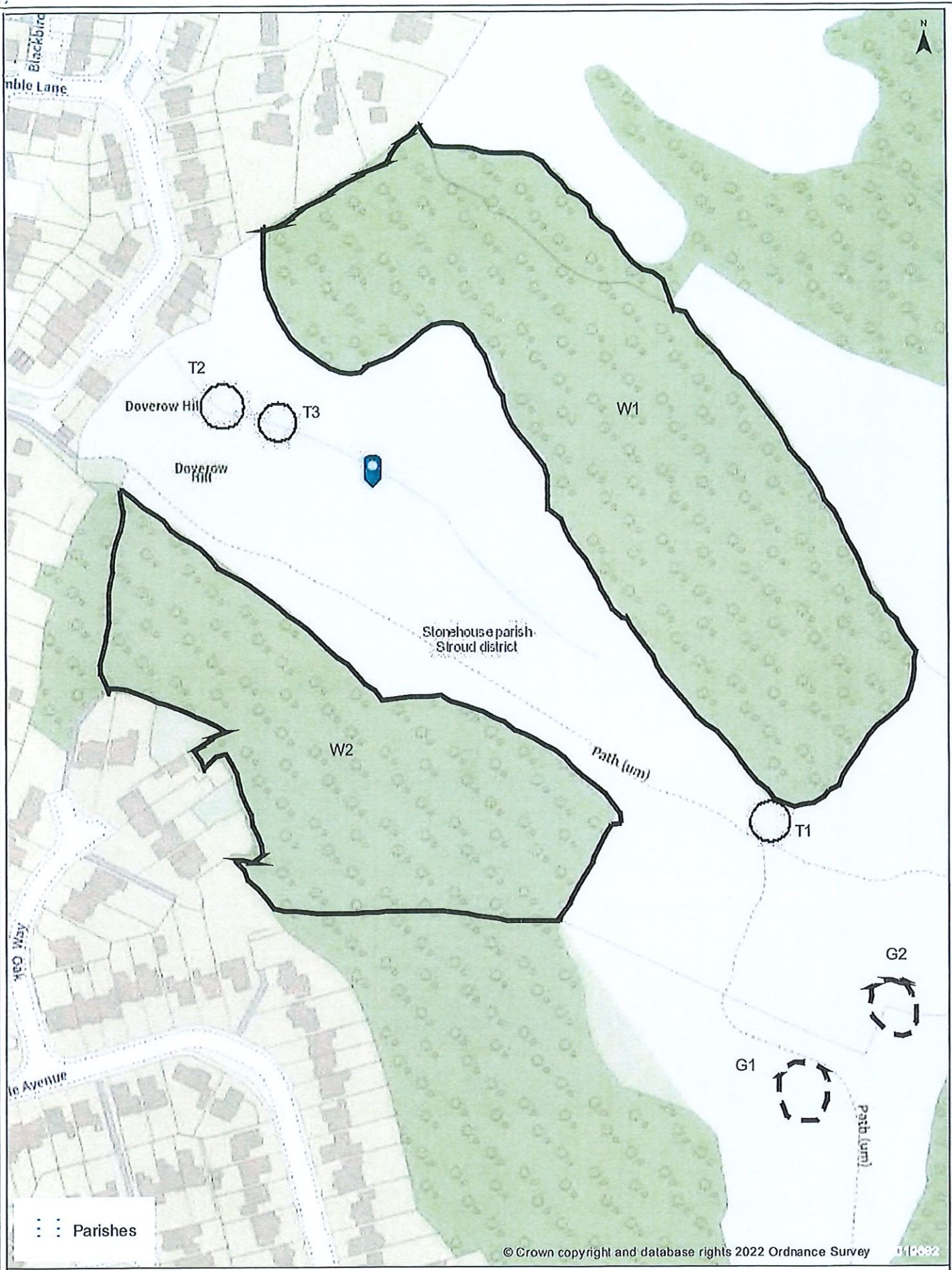
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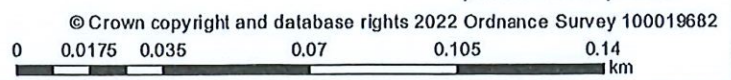
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IMPORTANT - THIS COMMUNICATION MAY AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY

NEW TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

Stroud District Council Tree Preservation Order TPO/0586

Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, 2023

Deadline for comments: 07/08/2023

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION) (ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2012**

THIS IS A FORMAL NOTICE to let you know that on 10/07/2023 Stroud District Council made the above Tree Preservation Order.

A copy of the order is enclosed. In simple terms, no one is allowed to cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy any of the trees described in the Schedule and shown on the map in the order, without the Council's permission.

General information about tree preservation orders is available in "Planning Practice Guidance – Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas"
<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/blog/guidance/tree-preservation-orders/>
or on the Council's web-site - <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/environment/planning-and-building-control/conservation-biodiversity-listed-buildings-trees-and-hedgerows/trees>

The reason for serving the Order is –

The trees are worthy of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) by virtue of their public amenity value and their value as a natural habitat. The trees could be affected by future development or changes in land use and the TPO is considered expedient to ensure the full consideration of the amenity value the trees provide in any future changes. The trees (including groups of trees and areas of woodland) are important assets and of significant public amenity and ecological value, the making of the TPO recognises these factors and helps safeguard the trees for future generations.

The Order took effect, on a temporary basis, on 10/07/2023 and will remain in force for six months. During this time the Council will decide whether the Order should be given permanent status (confirmed).

People affected by the Order have a right to object to, support or make other comments about any of the trees, groups of trees or woodlands covered by the Order before the Council decides whether the Order should be made permanent.

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If you would like to object, support or make comments, please make sure they are received in writing by the Council by 07/08/2023. Your comments must comply with regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. (A copy is provided at the end of this Notice). Comments should make clear any reasons for objection, if relevant, and the trees to which you are referring. (Comments received may be available for public inspection and should not contain remarks which might be regarded as offensive or libellous. If you require any specific information to be excluded, please advise us when making your comments. It is this Council's policy not to accept anonymous comments.)

Please send your objections or comments to –

Tree Officer, Stroud District Council planning@stroud.gov.uk

All valid objections or representations are carefully considered before a decision on whether or not to confirm the order is made. The Council will write to you again when that decision has been made.

In the meantime, if you would like any further information or have any questions about this letter, please view the information provided on the Council's website or contact:

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Dated: 10/07/2023

Signed

John Chaplin
Majors & Environment Team Manager
On behalf of Stroud District Council

COPY OF REGULATION 6 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

Objections and representations

6 (1) Subject to paragraph (2), objections and representations:

(a) shall be made in writing and:

(i) delivered to the authority not later than the date specified by them under regulation 5(2)(c); or

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- (ii) sent to the authority in a properly addressed and pre-paid letter posted at such time that, in the ordinary course of post, it would be delivered to them not later than that date;
 - (b) shall specify the particular trees, groups of trees or woodlands (as the case may be) in respect of which the objections or representations are made; and
 - (c) in the case of an objection, shall state the reasons for the objection.
- (2) The authority may treat as duly made objections and representations which do not comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) if, in the particular case, they are satisfied that compliance with those requirements could not reasonably have been expected.

Full copy of the Regulations is available at -
<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2012/605/made>



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Dated 10/07/2023

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

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TPO/0586**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

**The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations
2012**

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

relating to

Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire 2023

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2012

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO TPO/0586

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Stroud District Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 make the following Order-

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as TPO Number TPO/0586 Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, 2023

Interpretation

2. (1) In this Order "the authority" means Stroud District Council.
(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered section is a reference to the section so numbered in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and any reference to a numbered regulation is a reference to the regulation so numbered in the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

Effect

3. (1) Subject to article 4, this Order takes effect provisionally on the date on which it is made.
(2) Without prejudice to subsection (7) of section 198 (power to make tree preservation orders) or subsection (1) of section 200 (tree preservation orders: Forestry Commissioners) and, subject to the exceptions in regulation 14, no person shall-
 - (a) cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage, or wilfully destroy; or
 - (b) cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, wilful damage or wilful destruction of,any tree specified in the Schedule to this Order except with the written consent of the authority in accordance with regulations 16 and 17, or of the Secretary of State in accordance with regulation 23, and, where such consent is given subject to conditions, in accordance with those conditions.

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Application to trees to be planted pursuant to a condition

4. In relation to any tree identified in the first column of the Schedule by the letter "C", being a tree to be planted pursuant to a condition imposed under paragraph (a) of section 197 (planning permission to include appropriate provision for preservation and planting of trees), this Order takes effect as from the time when the tree is planted.

Dated this 10/07/2023

.....
John Chaplin Majors and Environment Team Manager
Authorised by The Council to sign in that behalf



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CONFIRMATION OF ORDER

This Order was confirmed by the Stroud District Council without modification on the
day of 20

OR

This Order was confirmed by the Stroud District Council, subject to the modifications
indicated by

on the day of 20

Signed on behalf of The Stroud District Council

.....
John Chaplin Majors and Environment Team Manager
Authorised by The Council to sign in that behalf

DECISION NOT TO CONFIRM ORDER

A decision not to confirm this Order was taken by Stroud District Council
on the day of 20

Signed on behalf of the Stroud District Council

.....
John Chaplin Majors and Environment Team Manager
Authorised by The Council to sign in that behalf

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VARIATION OF ORDER

This Order was varied by the Stroud District Council on the
day of 20

by a variation order under reference number TPO/0586 a copy of which is attached

Signed on behalf of The Stroud District Council

.....
John Chaplin Majors and Environment Team Manager

REVOCATION OF ORDER

This Order was revoked by the Stroud District Council on the
day of 20

under the reference number

Signed on behalf of The Stroud District Council

.....
John Chaplin Majors and Environment Team Manager
Authorised by The Council to sign in that behalf

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SCHEDULE

SPECIFICATIONS OF TREES

TPO Reference and location:

TPO/0586 Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire

TREES SPECIFIED INDIVIDUALLY (encircled in black on the map)

Reference on map	Description	Situation
T1	Oak	Grid Reference: SO 81184 05369
T2	Oak	Grid Reference: SO 80987 05513
T3	Oak	Grid Reference: SO 81009 05511

TREES SPECIFIED BY REFERENCE TO AN AREA (within a dotted black line on the map)

Reference on map	Description	Situation
NONE		

GROUPS OF TREES (within a broken black line on the map)

Reference on map	Description	Situation
G1	4no Sycamores	Grid Reference: SO 81189 05270
G2	3no Sycamores	Grid Reference: SO 81221 05299

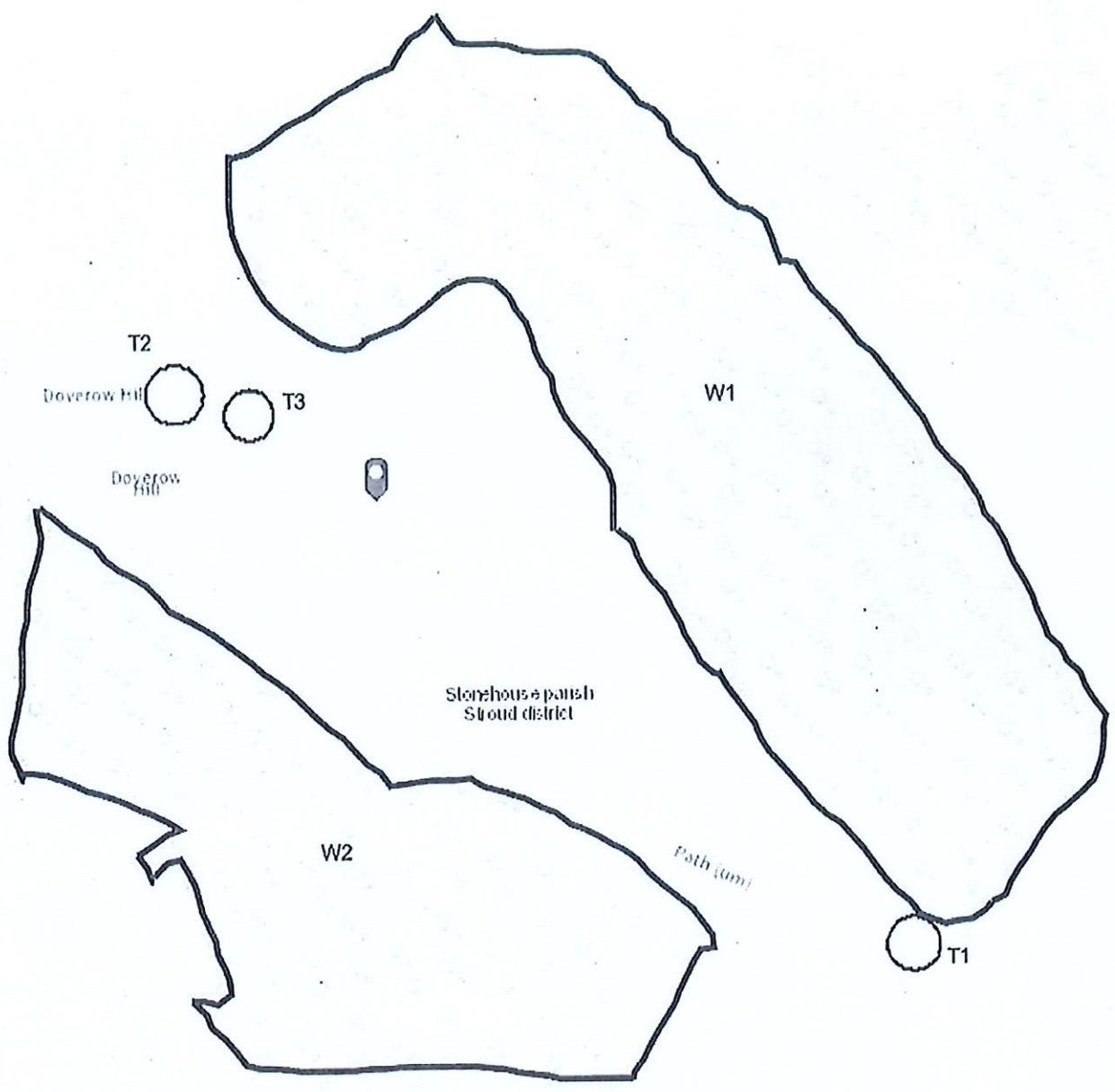
WOODLANDS (within a continuous black line on the map)

Reference on map	Description	Situation
W1 land known as Verney Fields	Mixed species	Woodland to the Northeast on the
W2 land known as Verney Fields	Mixed species	Woodland to the Southwest on the

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Box 2/10
mbic Lane



40 Way

le Avenue



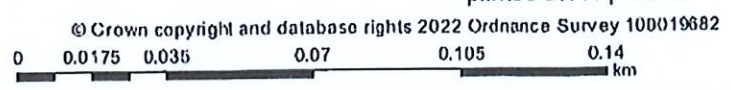
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Date: 26/05/2023





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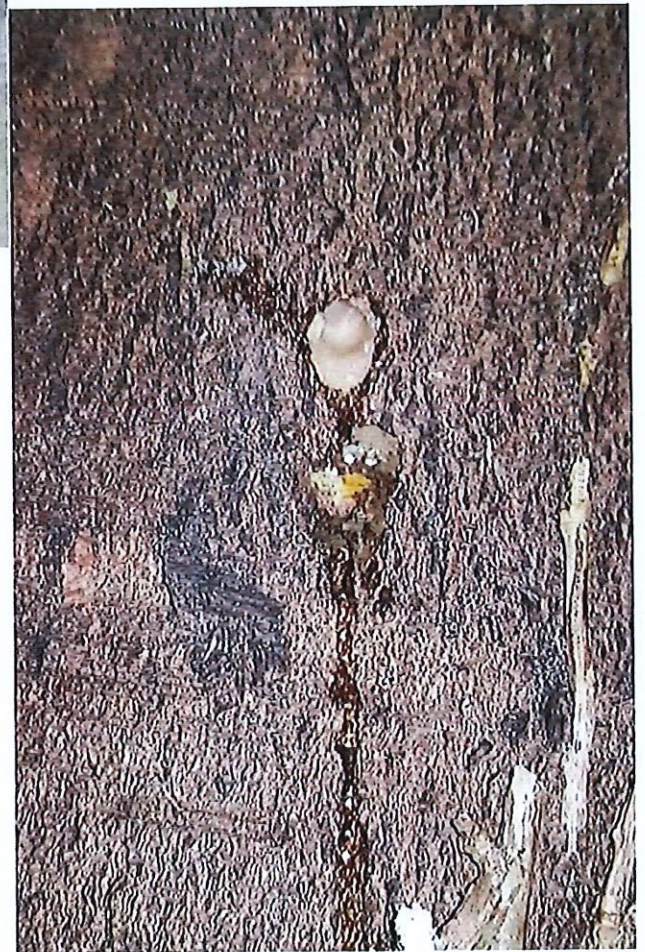
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ANNEX 3

Set-up in tapping season – Holes into sap flow



Taps into the holes



Tubes into bucket



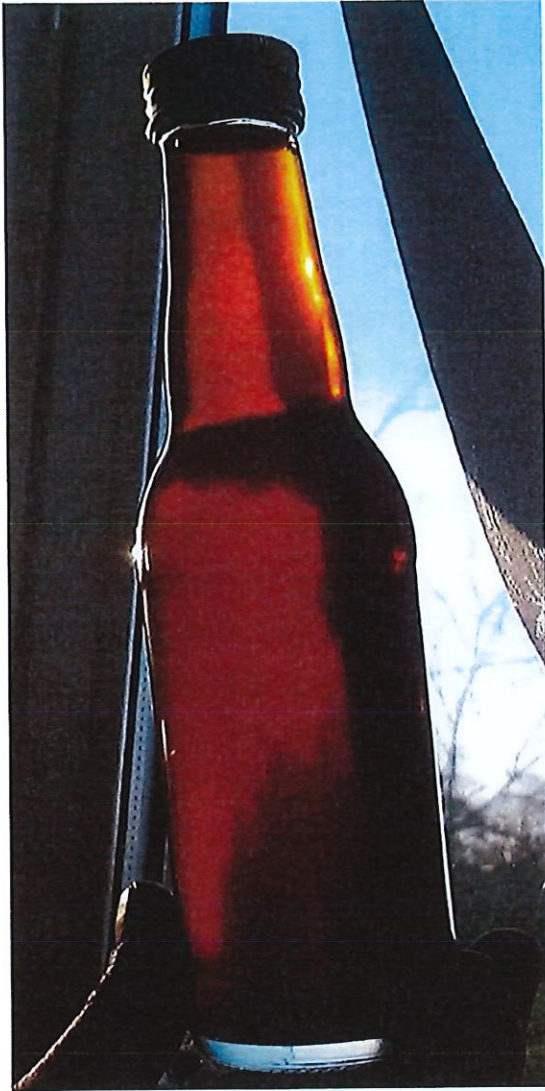
Overview of maple trees with tubes set up, trees in background



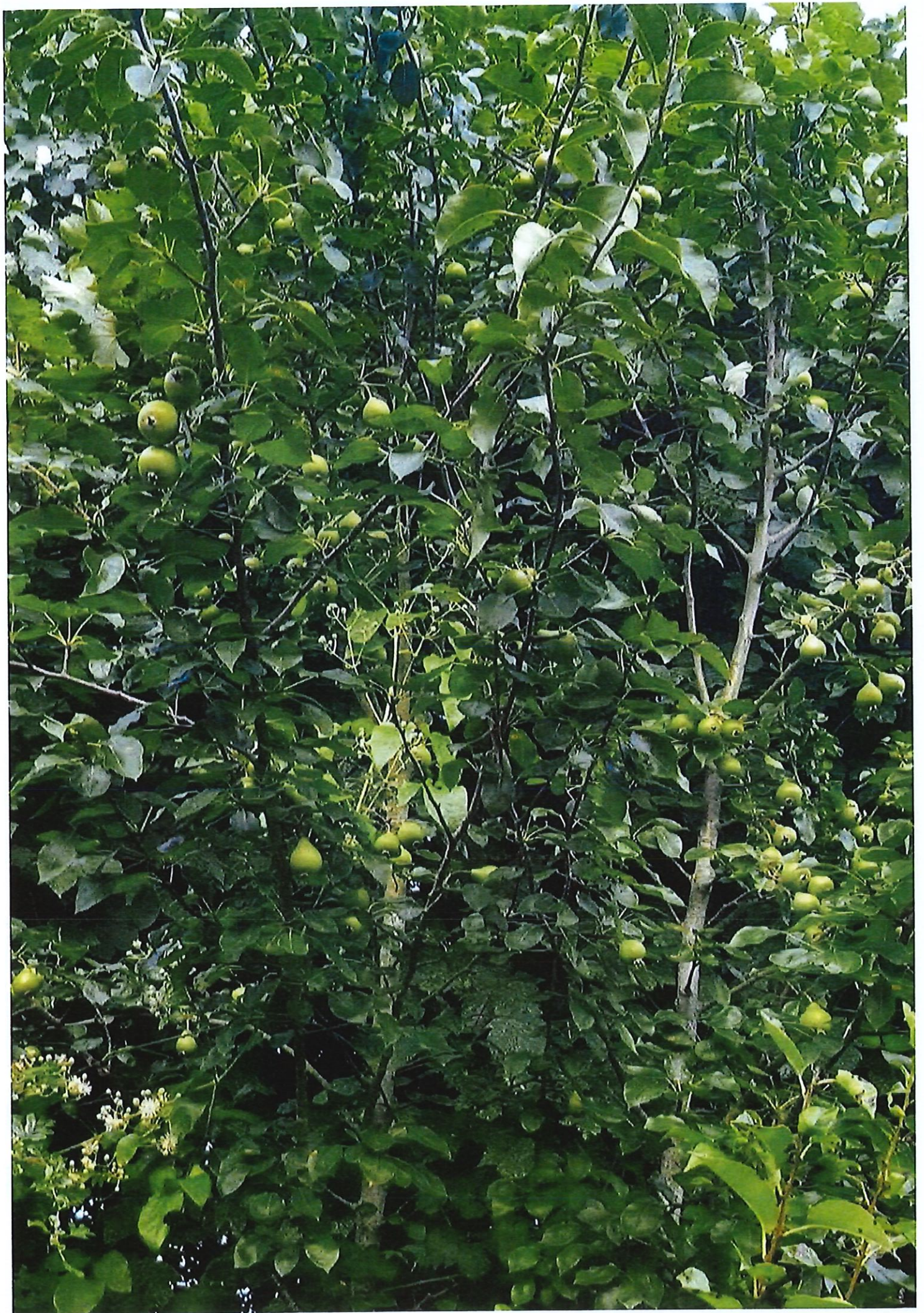
20l bucket of collected sap water, each bucket fills overnight



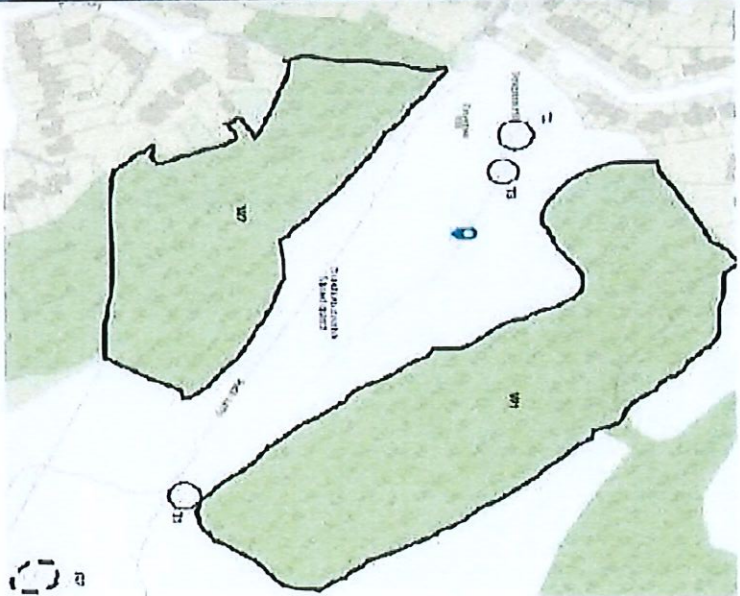
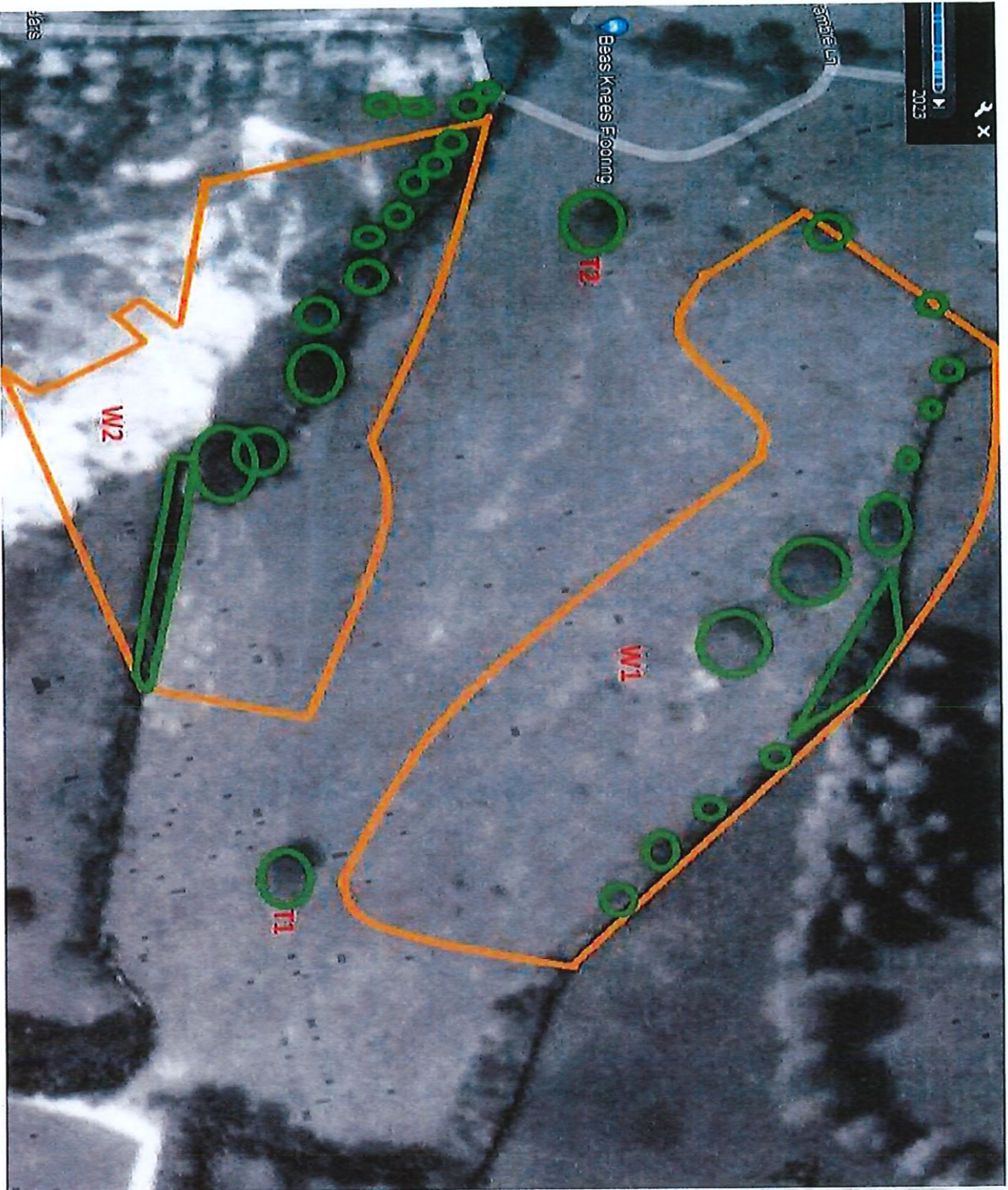
Each batch is 80litre sap water, boiled down to 2litre maple syrup
Filtered & bottled in clear glass, the finished amber-coloured
maple syrup



ANNEX 4



ANNEX 5



1945 - W1 & W2 mostly devoid of trees

T1 - present

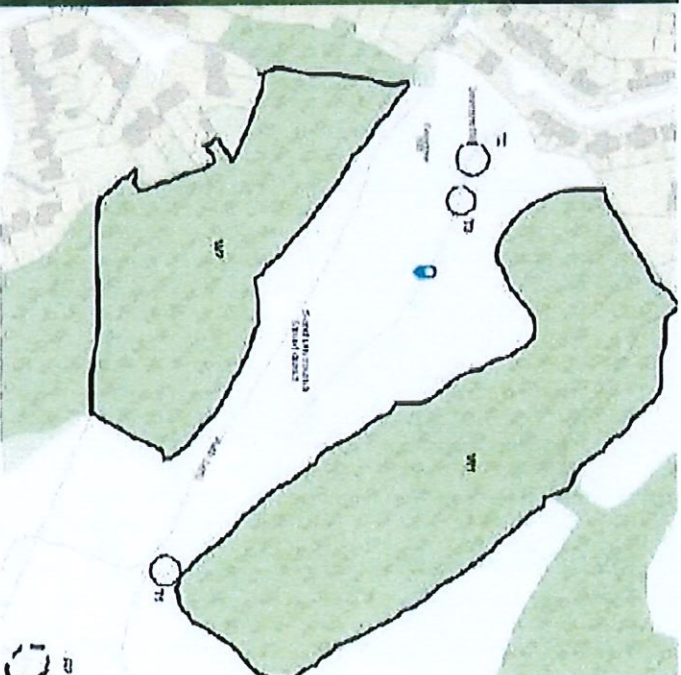
T2 - present

W1 - 2 veteran trees + hedgerow

1 area of scrub, 1 cherry

W2 - handful of veteran trees + hedgerows

(all hedgerows/trees cleared by 1960 for claypit expansion)



1999 - majority of W1 & W2 devoid of trees

T1 - present

T2 - present

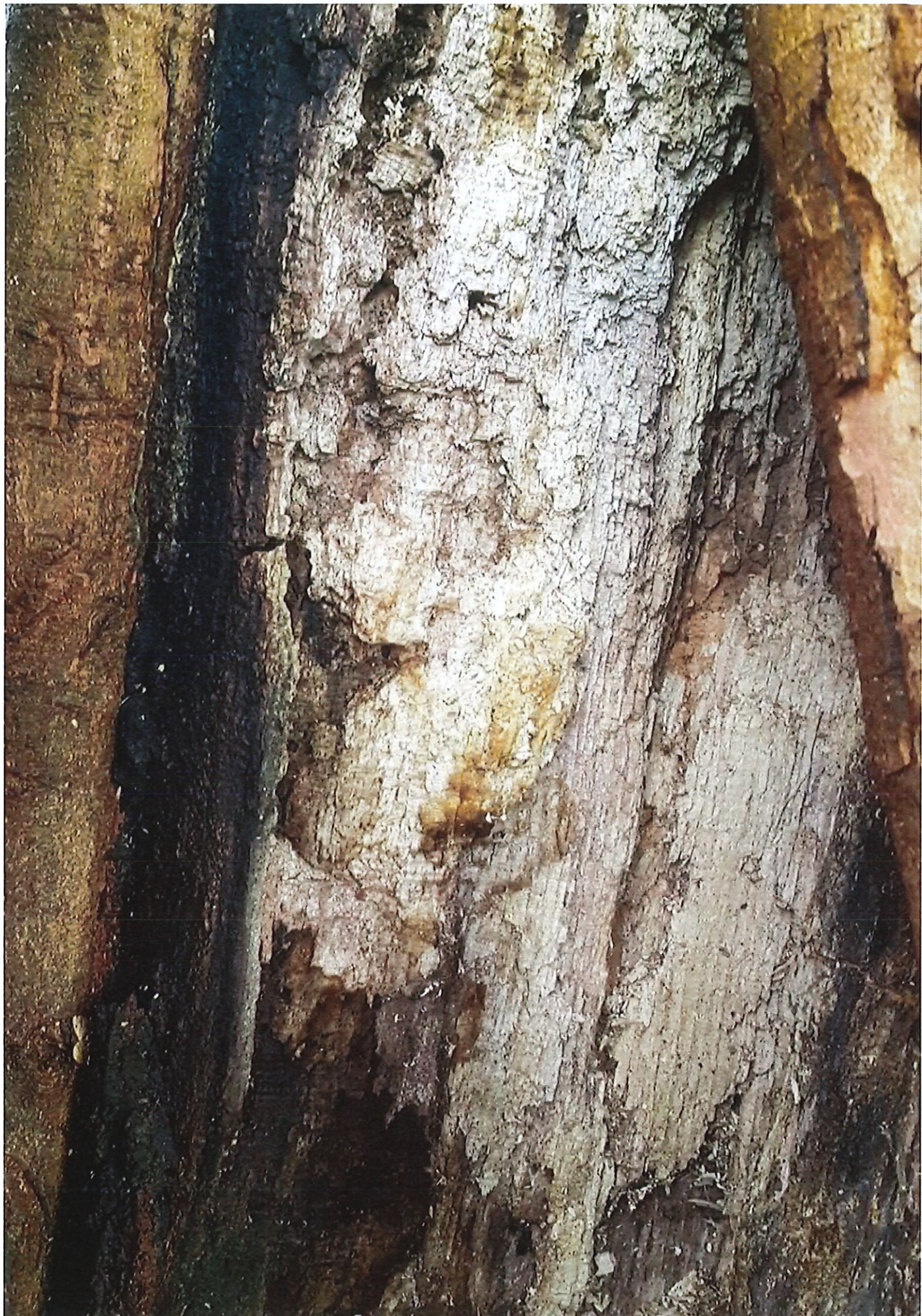
T3 - present (barely a few years old)

W1 - mostly open field with scattered very young trees, part crowded with young trees around original 2 veteran trees, + hedgerow.

W2 - vastly open, one dense area with young/maturing maples & orchard relics, scattered areas of young trees, none of the original trees from 1945 are present (the entire area had been cleared completely for claypit expansion). Some Pre-1945 trees exist outside W2 behind the Verney Road gardens.

ANNEX 6

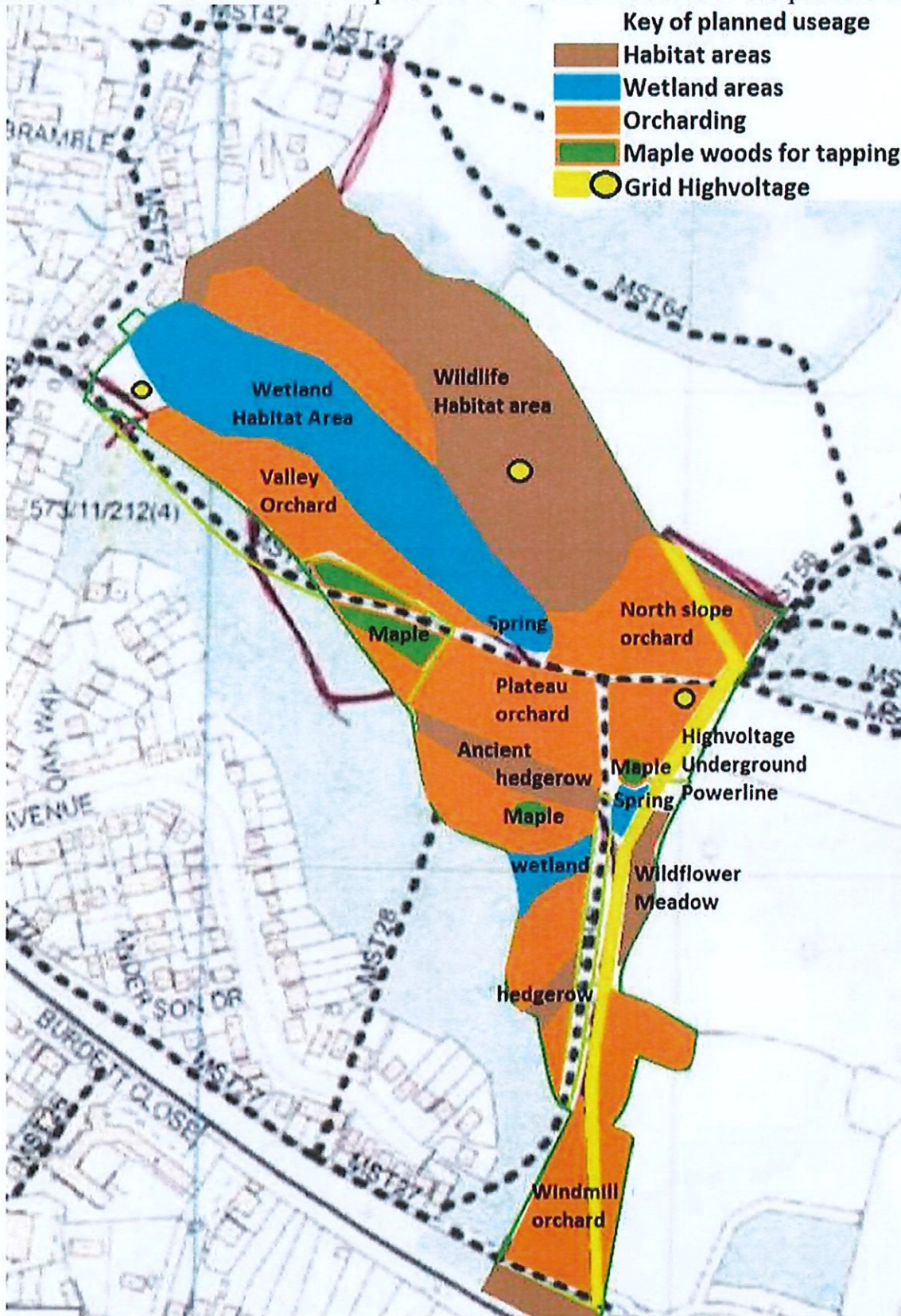




ANNEX 7

2.1 MAP 2: LAYOUT PLAN OF OUR INTENDED USE

Annotated below, is a map indicating how it is planned to utilise our farmland. Consideration must be given to the existing features present. Any proposed new routes should be as unintrusive as possible to wildlife habitat & to our planned usage.



2.1 INTENDED USE EXPLAINED

Wildlife areas

Wetland habitat areas

The active stream on spring valley, with the lower valley basin & valley walls define the wetland habitat area. We intend to scrape out accumulated sediment & stagger reservoirs throughout the basin, create reedbeds on the edges for wetland birds, establish native wetland border plants & native aquatic plants, to ensure a healthy ecosystem recovers.

The south spring is a minor dormant spring (formerly Cays Hill Brook), situated on the north edge of the Windmill Fields, it emerges from below the veteran maple cluster & the basin continues southwestwards. This spring became dormant when it was intersected with a curved tractor route causing layers of organic matter to accumulate, over time reducing it to a dry channel dip in the landscape that still flows underground, although not on it's original route. It is our aim to restore it to it's original natural flow & we have re-routed our tractor route northwards so as not to intersect it & will in-time run a culvert underneath MST62. Once the flow is restored, a smaller reservoir may be possible to hold water, which otherwise would simply flow over the claypit quarry cliff.

Wildlife habitat areas

The valley wall, on the north of the valley basin comprises wooded scrubland with many beneficial establishing trees; this area is required to be undisturbed by the public, so that animals feel safe to birth & raise their young here. We intend to add further food-producing native woodland species here, which will further support a larger mix of wildlife.

An ancient hedgerow separates spring valley & the windmill fields, we intend for this field edge to be as undisturbed as possible, so that it may be used by wildlife, specifically tree nesting birds & insect pollinators.

The valley wall of the south spring (windmill fields), has another mature hedgerow, as does the north east corner boundary of spring valley & also the area south of the railway fence which intersects the end of our south windmill field by easement. We intend to seed a perennial native wildflower meadow, alongside the east boundary, along the route to which cays hill brook has been diverted (enclosed between the East boundary & the easement strip to the national grid for their underground 33,000v AC high-voltage cable) to help encourage pollinators to remain local for the rest of the year (when our fruit trees are not in blossom).

Orcharding & Maples

Maples

There are two mature clusters of veteran Maples which we intend to tap for syrup, situated at the North end of the North Windmill Fields. These need to remain without public access, due to safety concerns & because they are produce trees requiring care

& during tapping due to pipes laid out which must be undisturbed. We need to care for their declining health, treat their basal wounds & rotten heartwood; One cluster has been repeatedly vandalised by youths; One tree has a whiterot rotted heartwood, also leaning, which presents a structural fall-risk concern & will likely require temporary assisted support during years of treatment.

The maple woods, formerly part of Hill Grove Farm, Cays Hill (a triangular parcel of retained land, created by a diagonal cut separated from a larger field parcel, the other half sold off as part of the 1973 sale which separated into the Rosedale estate), contain many self-seeded mature & semi-mature maples; the southern portion also contains relics of a former orchard, including 3 ancient pear trees & some prunus; Unfortunately several trees have been vandalised here too, including one maple which has been fatally fully debarked by youths. During tapping, tubes run in multiple directions, using gravity to flow into various collection points & the public could trip on & dislodge them, if wandering off of proposed new routes near maple areas, (a dislodged tube would interrupt the harvest and could lose hundreds of litres of maple sap, causing a loss in production).

Orcharding

Ideal Orchard Areas

Preferably open spaces, with minimal existing trees and good airflow, humidity, natural aquifer groundwater & sunlight; sloped is beneficial, being naturally self-irrigating, also assisting with harvest using angled fruit nets for produce collection; thermal updrift along southern slopes, maintains a stable temperature micro-climate, especially important in late-spring to prevent a late frost from freezing off blossom; even more ideal, a stream valley enclosed with abundant trees on both valley basin high ridges creates an enclosed, self-circulating micro-climate with elevated higher humidity, which helps buds emerge in spring & also more suitable for some sensitive delicate heritage varieties.

The Windmill Orchards

The Southern field & Windmill ruin field, are both sloped & South facing, have abundant young & healthy squirrel-planted walnut trees (from neighbouring Grove Farm's orchard); The walnut trees will be kept & incorporated into the orchard rows. Water collection drainage ditches bound both lower sides (Southern & Western) which channel rain run-off into a collection pond at the base (elevating humidity slightly); water will be pumped up to a storage tank on Jutland field, for summer drought irrigation. These fields will be planted in rows of fruit trees for end produce, fruit nets in late summer will be angled Southwest-wards.

The Jutland field, as a gently sloping, sheltered field will be used as a nursery field, for raising new rootstock yearly & freshly grafted trees until they are hardened. It will also store water for drought irrigation & be used as a general purpose orchard service field.

The North windmill fields, which slope both sides along a dormant valley, form an enclosed, self-circulating micro-climate, they will be planted in rows of fruit trees for end produce, fruit nets in late summer will be angled towards the centre of the basin.

Spring Valley Orchards

The plateau orchard, which is primarily flat, will be planted as a specimen orchard, with varieties of rare, unique or unusual traits, not for end fruit produce but for specimen fruit. These trees will be used for cross-breeding, research & experimentation, selective controlled cross-pollination for cultivar breeding, resistance & disease research.

The North slope, is South facing, however it can be particularly windy, the thermal up-drift benefit is only present in the absence of strong wind. This field requires windbreaks to be planted along the North edge & diagonally, perpendicular to the contour of the hill, it will then be planted in rows of fruit trees, M25 rootstock to ensure they establish faster, these fruit trees will be used for end produce, being on M25 rootstock will likely be heavy producing; fruit nets in late summer will be angled southwest-wards.

The valley orchards on Spring Valley, are sited between planned wetland reservoirs on an active stream & cooling high wooded basin ridges, these form an enclosed self-circulating micro-climate, especially suited for more delicate heritage varieties, which require these specific conditions to fruit.

The South side, between the edge of the wetland area in the lower valley basin & the boundary, will be planted in rows of sensitive heritage fruit trees on M25 rootstock for end produce.

The North side, between the edge of the wetland area & the wildlife habitat area, will be planted with rows of fruit trees, dispersed between scattered maturing existing trees, on non-specific rootstock.

Fruit nets in late summer on both sides, will be angled towards the centre of the basin.

Any proposed new routes should not be intrusive to any of the above orchard layouts.

ANNEX 8



[Redacted Name]



24 May · 🌐

We condemn vandalism done to our maple trees. Trees girdled in this way, with their cambium cut through are fatal (unless bridge-grafted which is not possible in current weather). Maple trees are important to us, as we make maple syrup. If you know your teenagers party near the cliff-top area, please have a talk with your youths.



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From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 02 Aug 2023 09:07:31

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: Temporary Tree Preservation Order: TPO/0586 - Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Wednesday, August 2, 2023 8:30 AM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Temporary Tree Preservation Order: TPO/0586 - Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, August 1, 2023 7:50 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: Temporary Tree Preservation Order: TPO/0586 - Land known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

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Dear Tree Officer (Stroud District Council)

I refer to the Stroud District Council's notification dated 10/07/2023, with accompanying paperwork and relevant maps, confirming the latest temporary Tree Preservation Order TPO/0586 which includes a Schedule detailing the following specifications of trees: three Oak Trees referenced on the schedule as T1, T2 and T3; seven Sycamores referenced on the schedule as G1 and G2; Mixed Species of trees in Woodlands referenced on the schedule at W1 Land known as Verney Fields and W2 Land known as Verney Fields. I write in support of the Tree Preservation Order being made permanent for the following reasons.

The whole area of Verney Fields has been an area of amenity for the people of Stonehouse for many years. I moved to the area in 2000 and the trees and wooded areas noted above were already an integral part of the mixed pasture and woodland landscape. The large specimen trees are visually stunning, especially the oaks T1, T2 and T3. The woodland areas and trees support a large and diverse range of wildlife and deer are often seen in the area. Retaining this biodiversity is important not only for wildlife locally, but important when much of our natural world is under threat.

The trees and wooded areas contribute to preventing soil erosion and mitigate the effect of potential flood risk. Wooded area W2 occupies very steeply sloping ground and the trees provide a significant benefit to the stability of this slope. Without these trees the likelihood of erosion and landslips would be much more likely and the impact of heavy rain would potentially increase the risks to the residents of Rosedale.

Recently a trench has been dug around oak T1 and the recent activity in Verney fields mean that these trees need protection both now and in the future so that they are preserved for future generations. There has also been significant activity by private individuals in wooded area W2, with groundworks and vegetation clearance being completed. Rough clay steps have been cut and it is likely that roots have been damaged as a consequence. Any such activities should be properly planned and managed and completed safely and at present, no such controls have been implemented during recent works.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 04 Aug 2023 08:58:55

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: TPO/0536 (land known as Verney Field's, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire)

Attachments:

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2023 6:53 PM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: TPO/0536 (land known as Verney Field's, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire)

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Dear Mr Porter.

I write with regard to the above referenced TPO.

I object to the proposed confirmation of TPO/0586 and particularly W1 and W2 as I consider their designation to be both casual and in blanket form, without due regard to merit. Having lived in Stonehouse all my life (60 years) and walked the area frequently, I consider I have a good knowledge of its history.

Until relative recently and in my lifetime, the vast majority of W1 was open pasture. Its designation as woodland has no historic merit and as far as I am aware, W1 has NO rare or protected species. It is not worthy of the woodland designation and would be more accurately described as scrubland. Therefore, in my opinion, it has little amenity value.

I object to the designation of W2 as I believe the views from the bench area atop the quarry, across the Frome valley, are of great amenity value. If the tree's on the upper reaches of the quarry face are left to grow they will eventually obliterate this outlook.

I consider the entire TPO will have a significant detrimental impact on the economic viability of the landowners plans. I consider an orchard to be a excellent use of the land and in my opinion, will give vastly more amenity value than what's currently there.

Finally, having served on SDC development control committee for 8 years, I cannot see the need for a TPO at all. The land has not been allocated for development in any local plan, is not subject to a planning application, will retain a agricultural use and has additional protection by virtue of being AONB.

It doesn't require the dead hand of the state and the landowners should be allowed to manage the land unhindered.

Yours Sincerely

[REDACTED]
Ex Stonehouse Town Councillor.

Ex Stroud Distinct Councillor.

Ex caseworker to ex MP.

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 04 Aug 2023 09:01:04

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: TPO/0586 Verney fields stonehouse

Attachments:

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, August 3, 2023 7:24 PM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: TPO/0586 Verney fields stonehouse

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Dear Mr Porter.

I object to your TPO ss I consider the area to be an overgrown mess and of no amenity value.

I believe an orchard, with its beautiful blossom will look lovely, but more importantly a great source of food.

Yours

[REDACTED]
Lifelong Stonehouse resident and apple crumble lover.

Sent from [Outlook for Android](#)

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 04 Aug 2023 01:23:42
To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: FW: TPO/0586 Land Known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse
Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 1:19 PM
To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: TPO/0586 Land Known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 1:03 PM
To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: TPO/0586 Land Known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to support the making of this Order in the strongest possible terms.

The individual trees and the groups of trees, have been a community asset for the residents and visitors to Stonehouse for a great number of years, primarily due to their spectacular nature and prominent location, frequently being referred to locally as landmarks. Indeed, one of the sycamore groups has been a well known children's play area for many years, at least since I and my family moved to Stonehouse over 20 years ago, and started walking here.

The Oak tree at the top of the hill and its restful bench below used to be a destination point for the older walkers from nearby areas, sadly no longer reachable by them with the new shoddy realigned paths. However it (and all the other trees covered by this proposed Order) are still prominent and important parts of the landscape, without which the topology would be vastly different. Apart from this, these trees are a significant asset for wildlife in the area, due to their size and location, as is obvious from anyone spending time to study them.

Any damage to or removal of any of these trees would be a serious blight on the Verney Fields area, already spoiled by the savage barbed wire fencing recently installed by the new owner of this land. I am particularly concerned that the drainage ditches already dug by the new owners may have already caused some damage as they pass close to the roots, and I am keen that any further works would not extend that risk.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: 07 Aug 2023 10:29:41

To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk

Cc:

Subject: FW: TPO/0586

Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 9:06 AM

To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: TPO/0586

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 7:03 PM

To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>

Subject: TPO/0586

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To Stroud District Planning Department

I understand that the preservation order TPO/0586 which relates to the trees on Verney Fields in Stonehouse is temporary and I am writing in support of making this a permanent order. In this climate crisis we are being encouraged to plant more trees and it would be appalling to think that these mature trees could be at risk of being uprooted or cut down if they are not protected. This group of trees represent several species providing biodiversity in the area and home to wildlife. In a small town environment we need to keep as much of the surrounding natural environment as we can, it is a huge consideration for the health and well-being of the local residents. These trees provide a backdrop for a lovely walk to Doverow Hill which has been enjoyed by myself and many others for years. I would like future generations to have the same advantages.

[REDACTED] The Forge Laburnum Walk Stonehouse GL10 2NR

From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: 07 Aug 2023 10:31:08
To: dms_main@stroud.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: FW: Verney Fields
Attachments:

From: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 8:55 AM
To: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Verney Fields

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, August 4, 2023 7:48 PM
To: _WEB_Planning <Planning@stroud.gov.uk>
Subject: Verney Fields

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Sirs,

Please add our names to the TPO/0586 on a number of trees in Verney Fields, in our town, Stonehouse.

These trees are a part of the heritage of this area and not only for biodiversity and fresh air, but a major source of pleasure for those of us who relish the beauty of the countryside and our reason for living here and not in a city.

It is bad enough that ordinary residents such as us have been denied use of the footpath, which should be restored without delay, but to then permit the vandalization of such beautiful natural features at the behest of a couple of misguided individuals is nothing short of criminal.

With the greatest of respect, I am sure I don't have to remind the council that it exists for the benefit of the majority and not a tiny majority of selfish Barbarians.

We thank you in grateful appreciation.

[REDACTED]

Waverley, High Street, Stonehouse, GL10 2NT

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From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
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To Stroud District Council planning department;

I am writing in support of TPO/0586 on trees in Verney Fields, Stonehouse.

My view is that the temporary TPOs should remain permanently in place.

These trees are an important part of the ecosystem and biodiversity of the area.

Scientific research has demonstrated the importance of established mature native trees in reducing soil erosion, playing hugely significant roles in fungal networks supporting other plants, organisms and soil health, providing essential habitats for wildlife, and being part of the solution for combatting the climate and ecological crisis.

It is also important to consider that local people love and benefit from these majestic trees. I find it disturbing that these trees are at risk and hope you will do what is right for current and future generations.

With thanks for your consideration,

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From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>
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Tree Officer
Stroud District Council

I am writing in support of TPO/0586 on various trees in Verney Fields, Stonehouse

The temporary TPOs on oaks and sycamores by footpaths, and mixed species on adjacent woodland, need to be kept in place long term. The trees in question enhance the biodiversity of the area and are part of the enjoyment by the public, whether close-up, or from a distance. It is hoped that when the footpaths become accessible again, (as supported by many people), residents can again enjoy being near these trees. After well known that being among trees adds to people's mental and physical well-being.

These native and mature trees have been appreciated on walks over many years. They would continue to provide a diverse habitat and add to the bio-diversity of the area.

I have fond recollections of being a child walking, playing around the trees and picnicking in this field, my memories are happy ones but I was most disturbed to see the damaging effects of the contractors who had diverted the footpath to the edge of the field and left mounds of earth in an unsafe manner along the footpath.

I would be most unhappy if the trees were to be chopped down and this area damaged.

Yours faithfully

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From: Porter, Simon <simon.porter@stroud.gov.uk>

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Subject: Verney fields TPO application

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Dear Stroud planning,

I would like to Impress on you how important it is that the application for the TPO on individual trees identified in the Verney fields is taken seriously. Also, the variety of small and large trees on the left-hand side of the Verney field going up the hill from the style at the top of Verney Road, and the woodland on the right hand-side which edges the cliff above Rosedale. These have been a part of the landscape for so long. It would be a devastating blow to the people of Stonehouse and importantly the wildlife that call these areas home. I never expected to find myself writing a letter such as this!

I have lived in Verney Road since 1971 and importantly spent many hours previously as a child playing in this field whilst living in woodcock Lane, along with many of my childhood friends. My children and all their friends have done the same.

Please don't let this gem be disfigured/destroyed. The trees are what makes the Verney fields so special. I am particularly nervous the Oak tree that draws you up the field will be damaged. I've spent so many hours sitting on that seat talking with my friends! It needs respect!

Thankyou

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