

Item: 01	Application: S.23/2113/NEWTPO
Address: New TPO/0586 - Land Known as Verney Fields, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire	

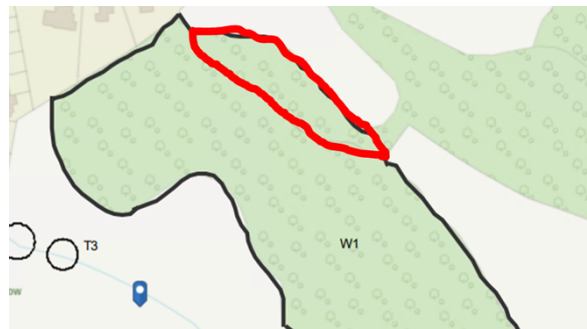
Further public comments

A land owner has raised concerns that a small parcel of land included as part of the woodland protected by an area defined and shown as W1 on the TPO should not be protected as:

There are only hawthorn bushes on our area of land, apart from one weak tree; it is not a continuation of the scrub and woodland (labelled as W1) in the next door land.

Officer response

The area subject to the concern is indicated on the image taken from the TPO plan below



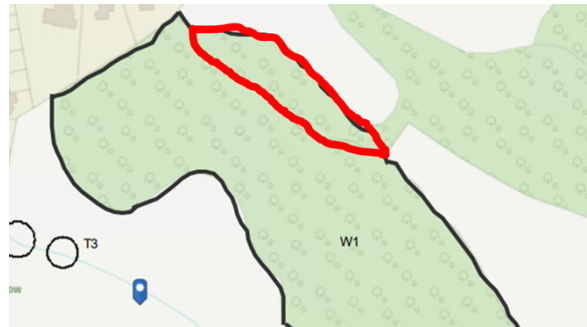
A photograph submitted clearly shows the fenced edge of the woodland and some scattered hawthorn trees in the field adjacent to the woodland.



I am satisfied that the small number of trees located in the area should not be classed as part of the woodland W1. The edge of this woodland is clearly defined by a fenced boundary. The land beyond is a field that has and continues to be used for grazing. There is a clear and obvious gap between the woodland edge and the scattered hawthorns. I would not consider these small number of trees to be a natural extension or part of W1.

Officer recommendation

The TPO is confirmed subject to modification. The modification will be the removal of the area outlined in red below from the TPO plan.



Government advice and legislation provides the following advice regarding the confirming of TPOs, subject to modification:

The authority should not confirm an Order it has modified by adding references to trees, groups of trees or woodlands in the Schedule to the Order or the map to which the Order did not previously apply. Nor should the authority confirm an Order if it has made substantial changes to it, for example by changing an area classification to a woodland classification. To protect additional trees or make other significant changes the authority should consider either varying the order after it has been confirmed or making a further Order.

Your officers opinion is that confirming this TPO subject to the modification outlined above satisfies Government advice and legislation as the modification is not including additional trees or woodlands to the TPO Schedule or Map and it is not making substantial changes to the TPO.