Tree Preservation Order with no Objection

Type: Tree Preservation Order

Reference: TPO128 – Parc-y-marriage, Newport Mountain

TPO implemented: 28th April 2015

Description:
TPO Group 1 – Comprises 3 No. Larch trees
The group makes a significant contribution to the rural character of the area.

Tree Preservation Order History:
Then owner of the property requested a TPO be placed upon the group of larch due to their unusual form

Consultee response:
Newport Town Council – No response received

Public response:
No objections received

Officers Appraisal:
It is considered that the group of trees has an unusual low growing form which provides an interesting feature from the adjacent public right of way; whilst reducing their prominence in the greater landscape so the group does not detract from the wider landscape of the Preselis. The trees are larch and although this species has become susceptible to Phytophthora recently; the isolation of the group minimises their risk of infection; and thus increasing their risk of long term retention.
If for any reason the trees do become infected; their removal for health and safety would not be restricted by this TPO.

The following National guidance is relevant to the consideration of the Proposal:
- Planning Policy Wales Edition 3 – Chapter 5 (paras. 5.2.9 and 5.2.10)
- Technical Advice Note 10 – Tree Preservation Orders (1997) to be read in conjunction with:
  - Town and Country Planning Act 1990
  - Town and Country Planning (Trees) Regulations 1999
  - Town and Country Planning (Trees) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2012

Recommendation:
Although the visual aesthetics of a tree is subjective, the objective guidelines for implementing a Tree Preservation Order are all sufficiently met by the group in question; taking into account the following criteria:
- Visibility -
Visible from public right of way – immediately adjacent to the trees
• Individual impact –
The group of trees has an unusual low growing form which provides an interesting feature from the adjacent public right of way.

• Wider impact –
The unusual low growing form reduces their prominence in the greater landscape, so the group does not detract from the wider landscape of the Preselis.

It is this officer’s opinion that the group should be protected to retain the unusual character of the group in regards to the immediate area.

Recommendation:
• That Tree Preservation Order 128 be confirmed