

DELEGATED REPORT

Application No: P/25/0271

Site Address: Goitre Coed Fach Farm
Goitre-coed Road
Treharris
CF46 5BB

Development: Carry out the following works to trees listed: T2- Reduce eastern stem height by 3m, T3- Reduce crown by 3-4m, T4- Reduce crown by 4m, T5,T6,T7- Fell (dead trees), T8- Remove partially failed limb, T10- Reduce crown by 1-2m, T11- Reduce crown by 1-2m

Case Officer: Kate Glover

Site Visit: 7th November 2025

Application Expiry Date: 9th December 2025

Consultation reply date expired: 7th November 2025

APPLICATION SITE

This application relates to numbers of trees protected under a group Tree Preservation Order (TPO) located on a hillside in Goitre Coed, Treharris.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The group TPO has been the subject of a tree survey, and it has been identified that a total of nine oak trees require works: stem reduction (1 tree), crown reduction (4 trees), complete felling (3 trees), and limb removal (1 tree). Further to this the tree survey identifies that 2 oak trees do not require any works but should be reinspected every 18 months.

The survey identifies that some of the trees requiring works have honey fungus, are suffering from exposure of the tree's crown, suffering from an asymmetrical crown, are standing dead trees (to be felled) and failure of a limb which needs to be removed.

The survey states that of the trees identified as requiring crown reduction 3 are within striking distance of neighbouring gardens and or houses and one tree is within striking distance of the applicant's outbuildings.

RELEVANT HISTORY

P/23/0002 Works to 7 no. Oak Trees including crown reduction, tree tidying, removal of dead wood and severing of ivy Tree Works
Approved: 27 Jan 2023

P/15/0075 Trimming of existing oak trees Tree Works
Approved: 24 Mar 2015

CONSULTATION

The following was consulted and their responses are summarised below:

Council's Arboriculturalist: The proposed works are acceptable and the applicant can proceed outside of the bird nesting season.

PUBLICITY

Not applicable for this type of planning application.

POLICY CONTEXT

National Development Framework

Future Wales: the National Plan 2040 (February 2021) sets out a strategy for addressing key national priorities through the planning system, including sustaining and developing a vibrant economy, achieving decarbonisation and climate-resilience, developing strong ecosystems and improving the health and well-being of our communities.

National Planning Policies

Planning Policy Wales (Edition 11, February 2021) Paragraph 6.4.44 states "*The protection and planting of trees and hedgerows should be delivered, where appropriate, through locally-specific strategies and policies, through imposing conditions when granting planning permission, and/or by making Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs). They should also be incorporated into Green Infrastructure Assessments and plans.*"

Technical Advice Note 10 – Tree Preservation Orders 1997

Section A32 in relation to section 211 TCPA 1990.

CONSIDERATIONS

The main considerations in the determination of this application are:

- The effect of the felling of the tree on the character and appearance of the locality and the street scene; and
- Whether the reasons given for its removal are sufficient to justify that course of action.

The trees form an attractive area of woodland on the hillside at Goitre Coed. The Tree Survey submitted in support of the proposal clearly outlines the proposed works and provides justification for these works, both to protect nearby properties and to maintain the health of the trees.

As noted above, the Council's Arboriculturalist has raised no objection to the proposed works.

The duty to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, under section 3 of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (“the WBFG Act”) has been taken into consideration when determining this application. In reaching the following recommendation, the ways of working set out at section 5 of the WBFG Act have been considered and thus the proposal is in accordance with the sustainable development principle through its contribution towards one or more of the Welsh Ministers well-being objectives set out as required by section 8 of the WBFG Act. Accordingly the following recommendation is made:

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RECOMMENDATION: BE APPROVED

INFORMATIVES

1. This planning permission does not provide consent to undertake works that require a European Protected Species (EPS) licence. All bats and their roosts are protected under UK and European legislation. It is an offence to deliberately kill, injure, capture or disturb a bat or to recklessly damage or destroy their breeding sites or resting places.

If works are planned on a building/tree in which bats are found to be roosting, Natural Resources Wales (NRW) must be contacted. on 0300 065 3000 or at <https://naturalresources.wales/permits-and-permissions/species-licensing/apply-for-a-protected-species-licence/bat-licences/?lang=en>.

If work has already commenced and bats are found, or if any evidence that bats are using the site as a roost is found, work should cease and NRW should be contacted immediately.

Under these circumstances, an EPS licence is likely to be required to undertake the works within the law.

2. All birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) while they are breeding.

If works to any trees, hedgerows and/or other nesting bird habitat (including buildings with suitable features) are to be undertaken, they will take place outside of the bird nesting season. If the works must be undertaken during the nesting season (generally from 1st March until 31st August, although birds are known to nest outside of these dates in suitable conditions), a breeding bird survey will be required and must be carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist. Any active nests identified will be protected until the young have fledged.

Where a Schedule 1 species (as defined in the Wildlife and Countryside Act - <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69/schedule/1>) is involved, compensation for impacts, e.g., loss of nesting sites, will be devised and implemented.

RECOMMENDATION ENDORSED



Director of Neighbourhood Services

DATE: 18.11.2025