

UNDERSTANDING TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS^{©1}

A One Day Training Course for Consulting Arboriculturists Available to both Private Sector Arboriculturists & LA Tree Officers

Aims:

The aim of this training course is to provide a comprehensive overview of the tree preservation order system; what TPOs are; how they are created and served; how to object to a TPO; how to make an application; how to appeal against refusal; and how to work effectively within the system

Learning Outcomes: The learners will:

1. Understand what a TPO is and its statutory position
2. Understand the differences between protection provided by a TPO and that provided by a Conservation Area designation
3. Understand how TPOs should be created and served
4. Know how to object to a TPO
5. Know how to make an application for consent for tree works
6. Understand how to appeal against refusal of consent for tree works
6. Be aware of the penalties for violation of a TPO
7. Be familiar with the key case law concerning TPOs

Course Outline:

- Introduction, history, evolution and current statutory position of the TPO
- Examples of good and poor TPOs
- How does Conservation Area protection differ from TPO protection
- When is a TPO not a TPO
- Penalties and consequences of violation, using case history examples
- Creation & Service of the TPO, using case history examples
- Making and objection to a TPO (Exercise)
- Applications for consent to work & the use of 1 App
- Appealing against refusal of consent for work and how the appeal system works

Throughout the course reference will be made to the key case law surrounding the TPO system and description of real cases will be provided

Delivery:

The course will be delivered as a series of Socratic style sessions that allow for continual interaction between trainer and learners. Interaction is positively encouraged and is part of the assessment.

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Frequent comfort breaks are scheduled because the sessions deliver a lot of detailed information and breaks facilitate assimilation of the information, and prepare the learners to engage in the following session relatively fresh.

The practical exercises will be done in groups, the composition of which will be decided on the day. Each group will have an appointed facilitator. The exercise(s) will form the basis of assessment.

A certificate of successful completion will be issued to each learner upon completion of the course.

Location:

The course can be delivered at the place of work or at a venue local to the place of work.

Trainer:

The trainer is Dr Dealga O'Callaghan, FICFor., F.Arbor.A., Dr O'Callaghan is a Chartered Arboriculturist and has over 20 years experience of giving evidence in the English, Irish, Manx Courts, and over 25 years experience on Planning Inquiries.

Continuous Professional Development

The course has a value of **6 hours of CPD** and **5 CEUs** for the ISA Certified Arborist Programme.

Cost

The cost of the course is charged on a per head basis with a minimum number of 10 attendees.