






Confirmation of TPO 2298

Land at Biggs Copse Botley Road








Shedfield



BIGGS COPSE

-  Biggs copse is a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. (SINC)
-  Biggs copse is seen on the 1866 OS map and is listed in the Ancient Woodland Inventory.
-  The woodland is clearly visible from Botley Road giving it high visual public amenity value.
-  The woodland is mostly formed of veteran Oak and Beech
-  Overall Biggs copse is a very good example of an ancient woodland with ancient woodland indicators

WHAT IS AN ANCIENT WOODLAND

-  Ancient woodland takes hundreds of years to establish and is defined as an irreplaceable habitat. It's important for its:
 -  wildlife (which include rare and threatened species)
 -  soils
 -  recreational value
 -  cultural, historical and landscape value
-  It's any area that's been wooded continuously since at least 1600 AD. It includes:
 -  ancient semi-natural woodland mainly made up of trees and shrubs native to the site, usually arising from natural regeneration












EVENT
HERE

16:27 22/JUL/2021

HISTORY

-  Construction of a log cabin within the woodland
-  Trenching across the woodland
-  Construction vehicles driving and parking within woodland
-  Horses disturbing soil and exposing tree roots
-  Tipping of Horse Manure, Wood shaving, Hay & Straw within woodland.

LOG CABIN CONSTRUCTION



18.08.2020 14:07

18.08.2020 14:07

SOIL STRIPPING / SOIL LEVEL CHANGE

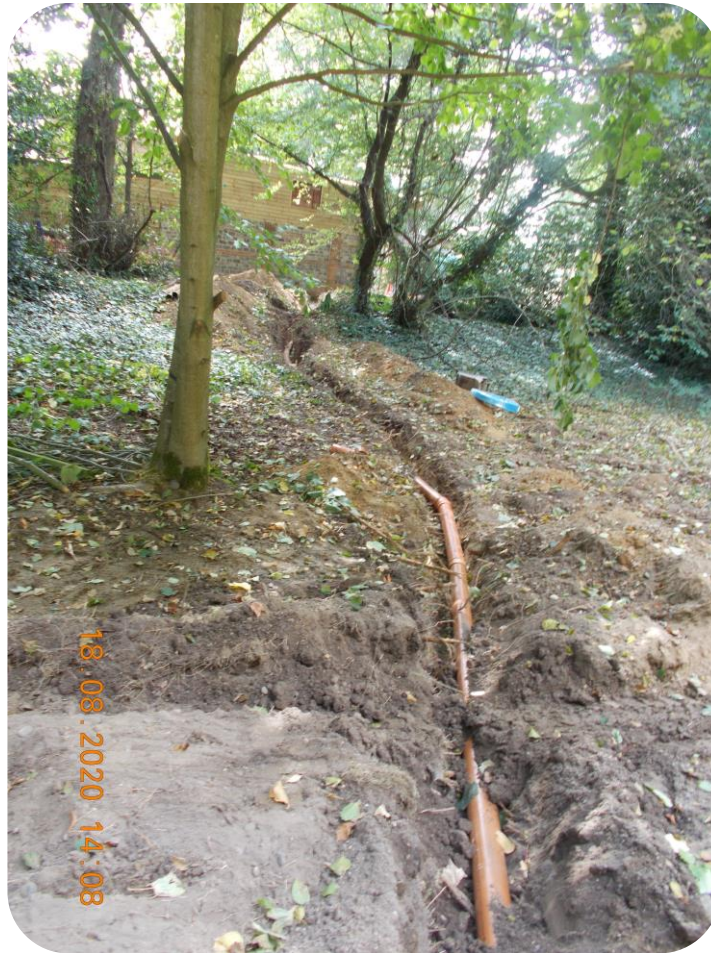


Trenching



18.08.2020 14:05

Trenching



Raising of Soil Levels With Manure



Tipped Manure



Spread Manure



16:28 22/JUL/2021

Compaction



Compaction Of The Woodland Floor



CONSTRUCTION VEHICLES



Root Disturbance By Horses



Horses




Root Disturbance




IMPACTS TO ANCIENT WOODLAND

 Compaction of soil within woodland floor-
damaging tree roots from construction vehicles

 Contamination of woodland from cement- Log
Cabin floor & Tipping of Horse Manure





 Trenching across woodland- breaking of tree roots
and soil disturbance to expose tree roots.

 Tree root death from horses disturbing soil and
exposing roots


 Tree root asphyxiation from raising soil
temperature, moisture content & excessive raising
of soil levels from tipping of manure.


 Change of soil structure death of ground flora,
tree roots & fungi.


SUMMARY OF OBJECTION

-  The map attached to the TPO does not follow the prescribed form of the map legend.
-  It is not expedient to serve the TPO as the trees are protected under the Felling License requirements of the Forestry Act.
-  The LPA cannot serve more than one temporary TPO with immediate effect on the same group of trees
-  The TPO is not expedient as the trees are not located within a Conservation Area.


TREE OFFICER RESPONSE

 The secretary of state does not specify the colour of the line to use to show the outline of the protected woodland.


 . Existing TPO's near to Biggs Copse : To avoid confusion Biggs copse was outlined with a continuous red line and the TPO map legend amended to clearly highlight the woodland to which TPO 2298 protects.


 The map issued with TPO 2298 meets to the requirements as advised by the Secretary of state and is sufficient to achieve the objective to show the location of the protected woodland.

TREE OFFICER RESPONSE CONTINUED

 The Forestry Act permits the felling of 5cm³ of wood per quarter calendar of a year without prior permission from the Forestry commission or LPA. The Forestry Act does not take in to account the age or species of tree that can be removed without prior permission. This equates to approximately 20 -25 mature trees could be removed per year without the need of prior permissions from the Forestry Commission or the Local Planning Authority

TREE OFFICERS RESPONSE CONTINUED

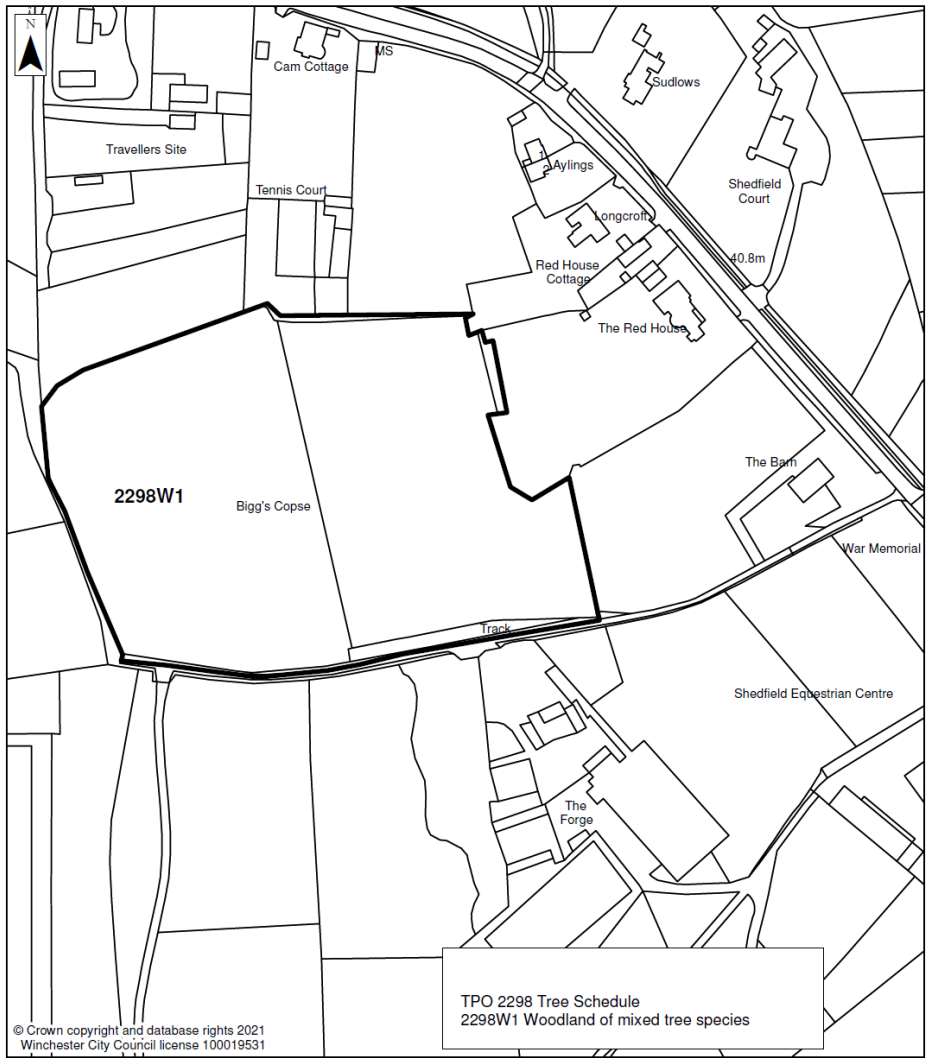
 By virtue of section 198 of the 1990 Planning Act, a local authority may make a tree preservation order where it appears to the authority that is expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees or woodlands in its area. There is no limit on the number of TPO a LPA can make on one site.

 The Act also allows the LPA to make TPO's to protect trees that it considers are under threat from damage that may have a negative impact on the trees amenity value or health

 Conservation area- Clerical error on TPO template

Recommendation

TPO2298 is confirmed with a new map showing a single continuous black line to plot the area of the protected woodland.



TPO 2298 Tree Schedule
2298W1 Woodland of mixed tree species

Legend

- A1 Area
- G1 Group
- W1 Woodland
- T1 Tree

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
Section 198 - 201
Tree Preservation Order No. 2298

Location: Land at Biggs Copse
Botley Road
Shedfield
Hants



Winchester City Council
City Offices
Colebrook Street
Winchester
Hampshire
SO23 9LJ

OS Grid: 428253

Scale @A4: 1:2,000 Date: 01/06/2021

Telephone 01962 840 222