

COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1971

THE COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND
(PEG WHISTLE BURN, PLESSEY)
TREE PRESERVATION ORDER, 1973

The County Council of the Administrative County of Northumberland (in this Order called "the authority") in pursuance of the powers conferred in that behalf by Section 60 of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971, and subject to the provisions of the Forestry Act, 1967, hereby make the following Order :-

1. In this Order -

"the Act" means the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971;

"owner" means the owner in fee simple, either in possession or who has granted a lease or tenancy of which the unexpired portion is less than three years; a lessee (including a sub-lessee) or tenant in possession, the unexpired portion of whose lease or tenancy is three years or more; and a mortgagee in possession; and

"Secretary of State" means the Secretary of State for the Environment.

2. Subject to the provisions of this Order and to the exemptions specified in the Second Schedule hereto, no person shall, except with the consent of the authority and in accordance with the conditions, if any, imposed on such consent, cut down, top, lop, or wilfully destroy or cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping or wilful destruction of any tree specified in the First Schedule hereto or comprised in a group of trees or in a woodland therein specified, the position of which trees, groups of trees and woodlands is defined in the manner indicated in the said First Schedule on the map annexed hereto, which map shall for the purpose of such definition as aforesaid, prevail where any ambiguity arises between it and the specification in the said First Schedule.

3. An application for consent made to the authority under Article 2 of this Order shall be in writing stating the reasons for making the application, and shall by reference if necessary to a plan specify the trees to which the application relates, and the operations for the carrying out of which consent is required.

4. (1) Where an application for consent is made to the authority under this Order, the authority may grant such consent either unconditionally, or subject to such conditions (including conditions requiring the replacement of any tree by one or more trees on the site, or in the immediate vicinity thereof), as the authority may think fit, or may refuse consent.

Provided that where the application relates to any woodland specified in the First Schedule to this Order the authority shall grant consent so far as accords with the principles of good forestry, except where, in the opinion of the authority, it is

necessary in the interests of amenity to maintain the special character of the woodland or the woodland character of the area, and shall not impose conditions on such consent requiring replacement or replanting.

(2) The authority shall keep a register of all applications for consent under this Order containing information as to the nature of the application, the decision of the authority thereon, any compensation awarded in consequence of such decision and any directions as to replanting of woodlands; and every such register shall be available for inspection by the public at all reasonable hours.

5. Where the authority refuse consent under this Order or grant such consent subject to conditions they may when refusing or granting consent certify in respect of any trees for which they are so refusing or granting consent that they are satisfied:-

- (a) that the refusal or condition is in the interests of good forestry; or
- (b) in the case of trees other than trees comprised in woodlands, that the trees have an outstanding or special amenity value.

6. (1) Where consent is granted under this Order to fell any part of a woodland other than consent for silvicultural thinning then unless:-

- (a) such consent is granted for the purpose of enabling development to be carried out in accordance with a permission to develop land under Part III of the Act, or
- (b) the authority with the approval of the Secretary of State dispense with replanting,

the authority shall give to the owner of the land on which that part of the woodland is situated a direction in writing specifying the manner in which and the time within which he shall replant such land and where such a direction is given and the part is felled the owner shall, subject to the provisions of this Order, replant the said land in accordance with the direction.

(2) Any direction given under paragraph (1) of this Article may include requirements as to :-

- (a) species;
- (b) number of trees per acre;
- (c) the erection and maintenance of fencing necessary for protection of the replanting.
- (d) the preparation of ground, draining, removal of brushwood, lop and top; and
- (e) protective measures against fire.

7. On imposing any condition requiring the replacement of any tree under Article 4 of this Order or on giving a direction under Article 6 of this Order with respect to the replanting of woodlands, the authority shall, if such condition or direction relates to land in

respect of which byelaws made by a river authority or a drainage board restrict or regulate the planting of trees, notify the applicant or the owner of the land, as the case may be, of the existence of such byelaws and that any such condition or direction has effect subject to the requirements of the river authority or drainage board under those byelaws and the condition or direction shall have effect accordingly.

8. The provisions set out in the Third Schedule to this Order, being provisions of Part III of the Act adapted and modified for the purposes of this Order, shall apply in relation thereto.

9. Subject to the provisions of this Order, any person who has suffered loss or damage in consequence of any refusal (including revocation or modification) of consent under this Order or of any grant of any such consent subject to conditions, shall, if he makes a claim on the authority within the time and in the manner prescribed by this Order, be entitled to recover from the authority compensation in respect of such loss or damage:

Provided that no compensation shall be payable in respect of loss or damage suffered by reason of such refusal or grant of consent in the case of any trees the subject of a certificate in accordance with Article 5 of this Order.

10. In assessing compensation payable under the last preceding Article account shall be taken of;

- (a) any compensation or contribution which has been paid whether to the claimant or any other person, in respect of the same trees under the terms of this or any other Tree Preservation Order under Section 60 and, if applicable, Section 61 of the Act or having effect as if so made or under the terms of any Interim Preservation Order made under Section 8 of the Town and Country Planning (Interim Development) Act, 1943, or any compensation which has been paid or which could have been claimed under any provision relating to the preservation of trees or protection of woodlands contained in an operative scheme under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1932, and
- (b) any injurious affection to any land of the owner which would result from the felling of the trees the subject of the claim.

11. (1) A claim for compensation under this Order shall be in writing and shall be made by serving it on the authority, such service to be effected by delivering the claim at the offices of the authority addressed to the Clerk thereof or by sending it by prepaid post so addressed.

(2) The time within which any such claim shall be made as aforesaid shall be a period of twelve months from the date of the decision of the authority, or of the Secretary of State, as the case may be, or where an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of the authority, from the date of the decision of the Secretary of State on the appeal.

12. Any question of disputed compensation shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of Section 179 of the Act.

13. If any person, in contravention of this Order, cuts down or wilfully destroys a tree, or tops or lops a tree in such a manner as to be likely to destroy it, he shall be guilty of an offence under Section 102(1) of the Act and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £250 or twice the sum which appears to the court to be the value of the tree, whichever is the greater.

Any person contravening the provisions of this Order otherwise than as mentioned in the first paragraph of this Article shall be guilty of an offence under Section 102(2) of the Act and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £50; and if, in the case of a continuing offence, the contravention is continued after conviction he is guilty of a further offence under Section 102(3) of the Act and liable on summary conviction to an additional fine not exceeding £2 for each day on which the contravention is so continued. If a tree other than one which is part of a woodland is removed or destroyed in contravention of this Order or is removed or destroyed or dies at a time when its cutting down is authorised only by virtue of the provisions of paragraph (3) of the Second Schedule to this Order it shall, under Section 62 of the Act, be the duty of the owner of the land, unless on his application the authority dispense with the requirement, to plant another tree of an appropriate size or species at the same place as soon as he reasonably can and this Order shall apply to any tree so planted as it applied to the original tree.

14. This Order may be cited as The County of Northumberland
(Pegwhistle Burn, Plessey) Tree Preservation Order, 1973.

Given under the Common Seal of the County Council of the
Administrative County of Northumberland this 15th day
of February, 1973.

FIRST SCHEDULE

The map referred to is at a scale of 1:2500 and is based on the 1:2500 Ordnance Survey Northumberland Editions 1961/2, Sheet Nos. NZ2479 and NZ 2480 and the area covered by the Order is situated to the north west of Hartford Quarry and in the Urban District of Bedlingtonshire in the County of Northumberland.

WOODLANDS

(within a continuous black line on the map)

No. on the map	Description	Situation
W1	Mixed hardwood trees consisting mainly of Birch, Alder, Oak, Ash, Elm and Sycamore.	Situated immediately to the north of Pegwhistle Burn and to the north west of Hartford Quarry extending for a distance of approximately 500 feet in a north/west south east direction.

THERE ARE NO OTHER CLASSIFICATIONS OF
TREES INCLUDED IN THE ORDER.

SECOND SCHEDULE

This Order shall not apply so as to require the consent of the authority to:-

- (1) the cutting down of any tree on land which is subject to a forestry dedication covenant where
 - (a) any positive covenants on the part of the owner of the land contained in the same deed as the forestry dedication covenant and at the time of the cutting down binding on the then owner of the land are fulfilled;
 - (b) the cutting down is in accordance with a plan of operations approved by the Forestry Commission under such deed;
- (2) the cutting down of any tree which is in accordance with a plan of operations approved by the Forestry Commission under the approved woodlands scheme,
- (3) the cutting down, topping or lopping of a tree exempted from the provisions of this Order by Section 60(6) of the Act namely a tree which is dying or dead or has become dangerous, or the cutting down, topping or lopping of which is in compliance with obligations imposed by or under an Act of Parliament or so far as may be necessary for the prevention or abatement of a nuisance,
- (4) the cutting down, topping or lopping of a tree
 - (a) in pursuance of the power conferred on the Postmaster General by virtue of Section 5 of the Telegraph (Construction) Act, 1908;
 - (b) by or at the request of -
 - (i) a statutory undertaker where the land on which the tree is situated is operational land as defined by the Act and either works on such land cannot otherwise be carried out or the cutting down, topping or lopping is for the purpose of securing safety in the operation of the undertaking;
 - (ii) an electricity board within the meaning of the Electricity Act, 1947 where such tree obstructs the construction by the Board of any main transmission line or other electric line within the meaning respectively of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1919 and the Electric Lighting Act, 1882 or interferes or would interfere with the maintenance or working of any such line;
 - (iii) a river authority established under the Water Resources Act, 1963 or a drainage board constituted or treated as having been constituted under the Land Drainage Act, 1930 where the tree interferes or would interfere with the exercise of any of the functions of such river authority or drainage board in relation to the maintenance,

THE COUNTY COUNCIL of the ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY OF
NORTHUMBERLAND, in exercise of their powers under Section
60(5)(c) of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1971, HEREBY
confirm, without modification, the foregoing Order as an
unopposed Order.

In witness whereof the Common Seal of the County
Council of the Administrative County of Northumberland was
hereunto affixed this *Twenty Fourth* day of *May* 1973.

For the
Chairman
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Chairman of the County Council

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Clerk of the County Council



