

Tree Preservation - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Do I need permission to carry out works to protected trees?

Yes. The council's permission is required to carry out works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order (exemptions do apply) and you would need to give the council six weeks' notice of any intention to carry out works to trees located in a conservation area (exemptions do apply). Please go to our webpage "Protecting Trees" for more information.

Q: Are trees at my property protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO)?

To find out if trees at a property are protected by a Tree Preservation Order please go to our interactive maps of TPOs. A guide of how to do this is available to download on the "Protecting Trees" webpage.

Q: Are trees at my property located within a Conservation Area?

To find out if a property is located within a conservation area please go to our interactive maps of conservation areas. A guide of how to do this is available to download on the "Protecting Trees" webpage.

Q: Where do I find the application form to carry out works to trees?

A standard national Planning Application form must be used if you are applying for permission to carry out works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order or within a conservation area. A link to the Planning Portal can be found on our webpage "Protecting Trees".

Q: Is there a fee involved for applying to carry out works to protected trees?

There is no fee involved when making an application to carry out works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order or giving notice of intention to carry out works to trees in a conservation area.

Q: Do you provide a list of tree contractors and consultants?

The city council cannot directly recommend tree contractors or consultants. However our webpage "Protecting Trees" provides a link to advice on using tree contractors and a link to consultants approved by the Arboricultural Association working in the East Midlands area.

Q: How do I make a request for trees to be protected by a Tree Preservation Order?

Anyone can make a request for trees to be protected by a Tree Preservation Order. However any request needs to be made in writing to the council and your email/letter should include a sketch plan showing the location of the trees, in relation to nearby buildings and roads, and state why the tree or trees should be protected. The request can be sent via email to planning@leicester.gov.uk for the attention of the Tree Officer or you can send your request to:

Planning Officer (Trees)
Planning Service
Leicester City Council
115 Charles Street
Leicester LE1 1FZ