

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREES) REGULATIONS 1999

THE WARRINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

**(FORMER SWINHOLE HOUSE, HOB HEY LANE, CULCHETH)
Tree Preservation Order 2003**

The Warrington Borough Council, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by sections 198 [201] and 203 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 hereby make the following Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Warrington Borough Council (**Former Swinhole House, Hob Hey Lane, Culcheth**) Tree Preservation Order 2003.

Interpretation

2. In this Order "the authority" means the Warrington Borough Council and unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Order to a numbered section is a reference to the section so numbered in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

[Application of section 201

3. The authority hereby direct that section 201 (provisional tree preservation orders) shall apply to this Order and, accordingly, this Order shall take effect provisionally on 24th September 2003.

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Prohibited acts in relation to trees

4. Without prejudice to subsections (6) and (7) of section 198 (power to make tree preservation orders) ⁽¹⁾ [or subsection (3) of section 200 (orders affecting land where Forestry Commissioners interested)], and subject to article 5, no person shall:

(a) cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy; or

(b) cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, uprooting, wilful damage or wilful destruction of,

any tree specified in Schedule 1 to this Order or comprised in a group of trees or in a woodland so specified, except with the consent of the authority and, where such consent is given subject to conditions, in accordance with those conditions.

Exemptions

5. (1) Nothing in article 4 shall prevent:

(a) the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree by or at the request of

⁽¹⁾ Subsection (6) of section 198 exempts from the application of tree preservation orders the cutting down, uprooting, topping or lopping trees which are dying, dead or have become dangerous, or the undertaking of those acts 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. Subsection (7) of that section makes section 198 subject to section 39(2) of the Housing and Planning Act 1986 and section 15 of the Forestry Act 1967.

a statutory undertaker, where the land on which the tree is situated is operational land of the statutory undertaker and the work is necessary:

- (i) in the interests of the safe operation of the undertaking;
 - (ii) in connection with the inspection, repair or renewal of any sewers, mains, pipes, cables or other apparatus of the statutory undertaker; or
 - (iii) to enable the statutory undertaker to carry out development permitted by or under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995;
- (b) the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree cultivated for the production of fruit in the course of a business or trade where such work is in the interests of that business or trade;
 - (c) the pruning, in accordance with good horticultural practice, of any tree cultivated for the production of fruit;
 - (d) the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree where that work is required to enable a person to implement a planning permission (other than an outline planning permission or, without prejudice to paragraph (a)(iii), a permission granted by or under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995) granted on an application under Part III of the Act, or deemed to have been granted (whether for the purposes of that Part or otherwise);
 - (e) the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree by or at the request of the Environment Agency to enable the Agency to carry out development permitted by or under the Town and Country Planning (General Development Order) 1995;
 - (f) the cutting down, topping, lopping or uprooting of a tree by or at the request of a drainage body where that tree interferes, or is likely to interfere, with the exercise of any of the functions of that body in relation to the maintenance, improvement or construction of watercourses or of drainage works, and for this purpose "drainage body" and "drainage" have the same meanings as in the Land Drainage Act 1991; or
 - (g) without prejudice to section 198(6)(b), the felling or lopping of a tree or the cutting back of its roots by or at the request of, or in accordance with a notice served by, a licence holder under paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 to the Electricity Act 1989.

(2) In paragraph (1) "statutory undertaker" means any of the following;

- a person authorised by any enactment to carry on any railway, light railway, tramway, road transport, water transport, canal, inland navigation, dock, harbour, pier or lighthouse undertaking, or any undertaking for the supply of hydraulic power.
- a relevant airport operator (within the meaning of Part V of the Airports Act 1986),