

Landford Parish Council: Planning Schedule Recommendations

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New Forest National Park Authority (NFNPA) applications: can be viewed on their website, or at their Planning Dept in Lymington.
Wiltshire Council (WC) applications: can be viewed on their website, or at their Planning Dept in Salisbury.

Application no.	Site address	Proposal	Parish Council Recommendation
24/00373TPO (NFNPA)	FOREST FALCONRY, NEW ROAD, LANDFORD, SALISBURY, SP5 2AZ	Application to fell 2 x Silver Birch trees, 2 x Scots Pine trees and a group of 3 x Scots Pine trees (all trees are part of W1 of TPO NFNPA/0018/07)	<p>Landford Parish Council are happy to accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers, but wish the following comments to be considered in that decision.</p> <p>The New Forest National Park Authority placed a Tree Preservation Order (NFNPA/0018/07) on the site of the current application. The Authority has a duty to make TPOs to protect trees which bring significant amenity benefit to the local area, and particularly important where trees are under threat. A Tree Preservation Order makes it an offence to cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage or wilfully destroy a tree protected by that order without the authority's permission. In particular, cutting roots is a prohibited activity.</p> <p>The current application requests the felling of 26 trees within the area covered by the TPO. With the exception of T1, the other 25 trees are damaged or diseased as a direct result of the previous construction or landscape work. The damage to each tree is explained in the application's Arboricultural Assessment.</p> <p>By carrying out work which has destroyed or damaged the trees, this may have legal implications but, at the very least, each tree to be felled should be replaced by a semi-mature equivalent (or an appropriate alternative) in the same location. Over time, this would ultimately restore the visual amenity of the area, which was the very purpose of imposing the TPO in the first place.</p> <p>Although a number of new trees are proposed to be planted, these are outside of the existing TPO area and positioned in a linear arrangement, so they will not enhance the area in which the felled trees are located.</p> <p>A condition of permission should require any trees planted to be at the same locations as the felled trees, and these trees should be monitored by the TPO Officer. Consideration should also be given to ensure that any actions are married up with the intentions of planning application 24/00335FULL.</p>