

Delegated Decision Report

Application No:	26/0441	Statutory Expires:	Period	23rd July 2026
Site:	Tredegar House Museum Pencarn Way Duffryn Newport NP10 8YW			
Proposal:	WORKS TO A MIXED TREE GROUP (PRUNING AND FELLING) PROTECTED BY THE TREDEGAR PARK CONSERVATION AREA			
Applicant:	C Flynn			
Type:	Trees in Conservation Areas	Ward:	Tredegar Park And Marshfield	
Decision:	No			

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 None.

2. SITE LOCATION AND CONTEXT

2.1 The trees which are the subject of this application are sited within the grounds of Tredegar House Museum, which is located within the Tredegar Park and Marshfield ward of Newport. The wider site is located within the Tredegar Park Conservation Area and the Tredegar Park Historic Park and Garden. There are also numerous listed buildings on the site, including the Grade I listed Tredegar House.

3. DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT

3.1 This application relates to works (pruning and felling) to a mixed group of trees. The works included in this application are as follows:

- English Oak Tree (Tag 01728) – Reduce canopy by 4-5 metres and reduce the stem in the east side of the upper canopy by 4-5 metres to reduce loading.
- Horse Chestnut Tree (Tag 0296) – Retain all dead sections on woodland side, reduce west, north upper and east crown leaders by 4-6 metres at suitable lateral branches. Retain all inner crown epicormic shoots. Potential long term to reduce to ecological pollards at approximately 8-10m.
- Horse Chestnut Tree (Tag 4463) – Retain all dead sections on woodland side if present. 2. Reduce west, north upper and east crown leaders by a further 4-6m at suitable lateral branches. 3. Retain all inner crown epicormic shoots. 4. Potential long term to reduce to ecological pollards at approximately 8-10m.
- Populus (Tag 0446) – Removal of out of canopy limb showing excessive end weight. The limb is over regular use roadway and sagging towards the road. Remove branch back to main stem, out of canopy and with excess end weight.
- Populus (No Tag) – Reduction of over extended limb on poplar over roadway. Reduce by 5 metres back to parent branch.
- Populus (Tag 0413) – Removal of tree to ground level.
- Cedar Tree (Tag 0135) – Fell stem at ground level.
- 3 No. Sequoiadendron Giganteum (No Tag) Monoliths – Fell to ground to allow for replanting of same species as part of historic parkland restoration.

4. RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

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21/1208	WORKS TO TREES PROTECTED BY CONSERVATION AREA	No Objections	06.01.2022
18/0118	VARIOUS WORKS, INCLUDING REDUCTION AND FELLING OF 28NO. TREES.	No Objections	16.03.2018
16/0163	WORKS TO TREES WITHIN CONSERVATION AREA COMPRISING WOODLAND MANAGEMENT, TRIMMING AND FELLING OF TREE	No Objections	06.04.2016
15/0378	WORKS TO AND FELLING OF TREES PROTECTED BY TREDEGAR PARK CONSERVATION AREA	No Objections	11.05.2015
13/0973	WORKS TO AND FELLING OF TREES PROTECTED BY TREDEGAR PARK CONSERVATION AREA	No Objections	04.11.2013

5. PLANNING POLICY

5.1 THE NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: FUTURE WALES - THE NATIONAL PLAN 2040

Future Wales sets out the Welsh Government's land use priorities and provides a national land use framework for SDPs and LDPs. Future Wales concentrates on development and land use issues of national significance, indicating areas of major opportunities and change, highlighting areas that need protecting and enhancing and helping to co-ordinate the delivery of Welsh Government policies to maximise positive outcomes.

Policy 1 - Where Wales Will Grow

Policy 2 - Shaping Urban Growth and Regeneration - Strategic Placemaking

Policy 9 - Resilient Ecological Networks and Green Infrastructure

5.2 PLANNING POLICY WALES (EDITION 12) 2024

3.3 - Good design is fundamental to creating sustainable places where people want to live, work and socialise.

3.4 - Meeting the objectives of good design should be the aim of all those involved in the development process and should be applied to all development proposals at all scales.

5.3 TECHNICAL ADVICE NOTE

Technical Advice Note (TAN) 24: The Historic Environment

5.4 The Historic Environment (Wales) Act (2023)

5.5 NEWPORT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (2011-2026)

Policy GP5 (Natural Environment)

Policy CE7 (Conservation Areas)

5.6 SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

Trees, Woodland, Hedgerows and Development Sites (January 2017)

6. CONSULTATION RESPONSES

6.1 Tree Officer: Upon reviewing the supplied application and information, the works proposed appear reasonable and proportionate. Therefore, no objections, the following conditions apply:

- All works must be to BS 3998 standard.
- All felled trees must be replaced by select standards (10-12 cm girth at 1m as per BS 8545) at a rate of 3 trees per each tree felled. The exact species and location needs to be agreed with the NCC Tree Team and should be planted the next planting season post felling November – March. Evidence of establishment needs to be submitted two years after planting i.e. photos, should the trees failure to establish they should be replanted and the two years restart.

6.2 Ecology Officer: No response received.

6.3 Principal Heritage Officer: These works are proposed to two mature/veteran trees located within the Grade II* registered Park and Garden (RPG) of Tredegar Park (PGW(Gt)48(NPT)) and within Tredegar Park Conservation Area.

The trees form part of that great swathe to the north-western boundary of the area, beyond the ribbon lake, which developed during the early C20. Today, it forms essential part of the setting of the Grade I Listed House and contributes very positively towards character and appearance of both the RPG and conservation area. As such, trees within this area should be preserved wherever possible.

I note that detailed technical assessment has been undertaken, and it is proposed to reduce the trees in question. I will leave it to our tree team to conclude whether the proposed works are necessary for the health of existing trees and whether a TPO should be served.

6.4 Wildlife in Newport: No response received.

7. PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

7.1 NEIGHBOURS: The application was advertised by direct neighbour notification letter and a site notice was displayed. No responses were received.

7.2 COUNCILLORS: Councillor Howells, Councillor Screen and Councillor Watkins were directly notified of the proposal. No responses were received.

5. ASSESSMENT

5.1 This application seeks consent to carry out various works to, and felling of, trees within the Tredegar Park Conservation Area. The application details that the works are required to maintain tree health of existing trees and for safety purposes.

5.2 The works include the felling of five trees, one of which is a trifurcated poplar, whereby the main stem has split into three. The tree has also suffered from a partial lean with heavy asymmetry. The second tree to be felled is a Cedar which has been previously heavily reduced. The application details that the tree is suffering from die back on its remaining branches and has a pronounced lean towards the roadway to Tredegar Caravan Club.

5.3 In addition to the above, three of the trees to be felled to ground level are Sequoiadendron Giganteum monoliths, which are of substantial size, being left at 15 or more metres. The Application details that due to their size and location adjacent to a footpath they present increasing danger as they decay. Whilst it is proposed to fell the monoliths, replanting of the same species is proposed as part of the historic park restoration.

5.4 It is considered that the work proposed would not adversely impact upon the character of the Conservation Area, neither is it considered that the trees in question merit a Tree Preservation Order. As such, the Council's Tree Officer has raised no objections to the proposal. In addition, no objections have been received from the Council's Principal Heritage Officer. It is noted that the Council's Tree Officer has requested a condition requiring the replacement of felled trees at a rate of three trees per each tree felled, however due to the application type this cannot be conditioned and an informative will be included.

9. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 ***Crime and Disorder Act 1998***

Section 17(1) of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 imposes a duty on the Local Authority to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all that it reasonably can to prevent, crime and disorder in its area. This duty has been considered in the evaluation of this application. It is considered that there would be no significant or unacceptable increase in crime and disorder as a result of the proposed decision.

9.2 ***Equality Act 2010***

The Equality Act 2010 identifies a number of 'protected characteristics', namely age; disability; gender reassignment; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation; marriage and civil partnership.

9.3 Having due regard to advancing equality involves:

- removing or minimising disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics;
- taking steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these differ from the need of other people; and
- encouraging people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low.

9.4 The above duty has been given due consideration in the determination of this application. It is considered that there would be no significant or unacceptable impact upon persons who share a protected characteristic, over and above any other person, as a result of the proposed decision.

9.5 ***Planning (Wales) Act 2015 (Welsh language)***

Section 31 of the Act clarifies that impacts on the Welsh language may be a consideration when taking decisions on applications for planning permission so far as it is material to the application. This duty has been given due consideration in the determination of this application. It is considered that there would be no material effect upon the use of the Welsh language in Newport as a result of the proposed decision.

9.6 ***Newport's Well-Being Plan 2018-23***

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 imposes a duty on public bodies to carry out sustainable development in accordance with the sustainable development principle to act in a manner which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This duty has been considered during the preparation of Newport's Well-Being Plan 2018-23, which was signed off on 1 May 2018. The duty imposed by the Act together with the goals and objectives of Newport's Well-Being Plan 2018-23 have been considered in the evaluation of this application. It is considered that there would be no significant or unacceptable impact upon the achievement of wellbeing objectives as a result of the proposed decision.

7. **CONCLUSION**

7.1 The proposed works to the trees protected by the Tredegar Park Conservation Area are considered acceptable.

8. **DECISION**

NO OBJECTIONS

NOTE TO APPLICANT

01 This decision relates to the following plans and documents: Application Form, Site Plan, Recommendations following Micro Drill Testing.

02 The development plan for Newport is the Newport Local Development Plan 2011 – 2026 (Adopted January 2015).

03 The extent of the work hereby approved shall be agreed on site by the Council's Woodland Officer prior to any works to the trees commencing.

- 04 All felled trees must be replaced by select standards (10-12 cm girth at 1m as per BS 8545) at a rate of 3 trees per each tree felled. The exact species and location should be agreed with the NCC Tree Team and should be planted the next planting season post felling November – March.
- 05 Nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 whereby it is an offence to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or is being built.