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DRAFT Tree Policy Statement (Planning Committee)

In consultation with WDBC's Tree Officer and the Council's Climate Change Working Group, the following statement in relation to planning applications for trees has been approved:

Each case will be considered separately on individual circumstances. However, the Planning Committee is likely to object to the felling of purposefully protected trees or those afforded A or B classification within a tree report in accordance with BS5837 Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition & Construction **unless it is agreed that the mitigation strategy detailed within Policy DEV28¹ of the Plymouth & South West Devon Joint Local Plan Supplementary Planning Guidance can be applied.**

Exception will be considered if the tree/s are proven to be dangerous, affecting a significant engineered structure or that the proposed works are considered to be in the interests of good arboricultural management.'

Definitions –

Purposefully protected – self set trees that have been caught up in a blanket area TPO that it would be inappropriate to keep; ie there is not enough room for them to grow without affecting the structure of a property

A or B classification – an overview of the condition of the tree in a planning context. British Standard (BS) reports can only be prepared by competent professionals

A + B tree conditions are good

C + U classified trees would generally be allowed to be felled

¹ <https://democracy.plymouth.gov.uk/documents/s99427/Joint%20Local%20Plan%20SPD.pdf>