

Notice of Motion

Council Meeting 19 July 2018

Felling of Trees by Network Rail

Torbay Council notes concerns expressed in the national media about Network Rail cutting down trees alongside their rail lines, and that local authorities across the Country have placed preservation orders on trees by rail tracks to stop them being felled unnecessarily.

In particular, this Council further notes from 'Devon Live' that Teignbridge District Council has stopped Network Rail felling trees on Network Rail land in the Teignbridge area, by placing a preservation orders on the trees and engaging in discussions with Network Rail on this issue to find a way forward.

Torbay Council calls on the Chief Executive to ensure that preservation orders are placed on trees that are on Network Rail land in the Torbay local authority area (whilst ensuring that the trees are appropriately managed to ensure that they do not affect the rail line), and to engage with Network Rail on this issue to avoid the unnecessary felling of trees.

Proposer: Councillor Long
Seconder: Councillor Carter