

FELLING OF TREES

STATEMENT OF INTENT BY AVEBURY PARISH COUNCIL

The PC is aware of the importance of trees in the local landscape, the great pleasure and amenity value they provide for many people, and the environmental benefits they bring. As a general rule, the PC therefore wishes to see replacements planted where applications for felling are made. The PC will wish to give careful consideration to applications to fell trees that are subject to a Tree Preservation Order and/or to trees in a Conservation Area. It will also wish to carefully consider applications to fell ancient and/or specimen trees. The PC will also ask for a reason for felling from the tree owner if a reason is not already stated on the application form.

In some cases the PC may take the view that there are greater benefits from avoiding replanting. Tree roots can damage the foundations of buildings, and new landscaping or garden designs may require trees to be planted in other locations, or fewer or no trees to be planted at all. Tree roots can also disturb underlying archaeology in sensitive locations and branches can reduce inter-visibility between ancient monuments. Where an applicant is unable to replant a tree on their own land they will be offered the opportunity to plant one in the Community Orchard or another area within the Parish.

When determining planning applications and the destruction of ancient woodland and ancient and veteran trees, the PC will apply the principles contained in The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 175.

Avebury Parish Council hereby supports the Tree Charter's Visions and Principles.

