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Submitted to Tree Protection Bill - Call for Evidence  
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### Clause 1 - Tree preservation orders: councils

6 Do you agree with Clause 1 of the Bill?

Yes

7 Please provide information to support your answer here:

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Trees provide so much to the ecosystem, in the soil, to nurture microcosms of insects fungi and other flora and fauna. It takes fifty years or more for a tree to provide for the atmosphere and the actual air we breathe, therefore just taking down an ancient, notable or veteran tree and replacing it with a sapling or non native tree is nonsense. They provide habitat for wildlife, birds, insects, provide canopies and cool the earth. Global warming is a real thing, Taking down any tree of maturity and significance should always be a last resort. Developers especially should have stricter rules imposed on them , not just a paltry fine they can absorb into their profits and the trees should come first not an after thought as is so often the case. Northern Ireland has the fewest trees in Europe except for Malta, just ponder that fact and then rethink how vitally important they really are.

### Clause 2 - Provisional tree preservation orders

8 Do you agree with Clause 2 of the Bill?

Yes

9 Please provide information to support your answer here

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I think this makes sense, seems ludicrous that it can lapse after six months,

### Clause 3 - Penalties for contravention of tree preservation orders

10 Do you agree with Clause 3 of the Bill?

Yes

11 Please provide information to support your answer here

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At present a developer or person can cut down a tree and get a slap on the wrist or a fine, making it an actual offence may act as a better deterrent and I would go further re developing and close down any building site that is in contravention of these rules

### Clause 4 - Replacement of trees

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

Yes

13 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Agree that landowner replaces tree and may make them more vigilant as to what occurs on their land

### Clause 5 - Council to inspect replacement trees

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

Yes

15 Please provide information to support your answer here

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I agree but wonder if this would actually happen in reality. There would need to be a monitoring system to make sure the inspections are carried out effectively

## Clause 6 - Enforcement of duties as to replacement of trees

16 Do you agree with Clause 6 of the Bill?

Yes

17 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Agree with all in theory and it does close down any obvious and usual loop holes

## Clause 7 - Tree Protection Map

18 Do you agree with Clause 7 of the Bill?

Yes

19 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Would be a good idea as trees are not monitored enough and a tree can easily disappear and it not be missed

## Clause 8 - Determination of planning applications

20 Do you agree with Clause 8 of the Bill?

Yes

21 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Absolutely agree except to say that in some circumstances I believe no development should take place near ancient woodlands as the surrounding area is a corridor needed for bats, badgers, birds and other wildlife. You can't build around a woodland in every case and expect bats owls and badgers to remain. Every case should have a strict environmental survey carried out, quite often these studies can be carried out by less scrupulous builders etc, it would be a good idea to nail the studies down to one standard pattern so that developers can not cherry pick what is observed, in most cases ancient and veteran woodland will harbour bat roosts and nesting birds such as herons, woodpeckers or owls especially if a river or water course is present

## Clause 9 - Permitted Development

22 Do you agree with Clause 9 of the Bill?

Yes

23 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Completely agree. Madness this clause not already in place

## Clause 10 - Ecosystem services

24 Do you agree with Clause 10 of the Bill?

Yes

25 Please provide information to support your answer here

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## Clause 11 - Interpretation: 2011 Act

26 Do you agree with Clause 11 of the Bill?

Yes

27 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Clause 12 - Interpretation: 2015 Order

28 Do you agree with Clause 12 of the Bill?

Yes

29 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Clause 13 - Interpretation: general

30 Do you agree with Clause 13 of the Bill?

Yes

31 Please provide information to support your answer here

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Clause 14 - Commencement

32 Do you agree with Clause 14 of the Bill?

Yes

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As long as any ongoing development falls under the new regulations even if planning is approved prior to the new regs being written in. Some developments take years and years to complete.