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Submitted to Tree Protection Bill - Call for Evidence
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Introduction

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Clause 1 - Tree preservation orders: councils

6 Do you agree with Clause 1 of the Bill?

Yes

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The use of the ecosystem services model should be the baseline in all decisions regarding trees.

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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Reduces unnecessary bureaucracy & speeds up the process

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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Acts as a reasonable, further disincentivises non-compliance with the order.

Clause 4 - Replacement of trees

12 Do you agree with Clause 4 of the Bill?

Yes

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This is similar to the polluter pays principle that underpins other environmental legislation.

Clause 5 - Council to inspect replacement trees

14 Do you agree with Clause 5 of the Bill?

Yes

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Setting compliance standards is no use unless checks are made to ensure compliance.

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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Good to consolidate enforcement into one body.

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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Follows good practice of placing public data in the public square.

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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Prioritises nature into the planning process.

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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Clears up a loophole.

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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Ecosystem Services is an essential step to protecting our green space.

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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It is essential that all mature trees are protected if they are native species.

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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Ensures consistency in the Bill.

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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Essential housekeeping in the Bill

Clause 14 - Commencement

32 Do you agree with Clause 14 of the Bill?

Yes

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