ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997 (as amended)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION ORDER AND TREES IN CONSERVATION AREAS) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2010

ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that they have made the following Tree Preservation Order in exercise of the powers conferred on them by the above Act and Regulations.

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER AC TPO No. 147 (2026)
St Andrews Gardens, Inverurie

Certified copies of the Order and accompanying map may be inspected at the offices of Aberdeenshire Council, Unit 7, Harlaw Way, Harlaw Industrial Estate, Inverurie, AB51 4SG, by prior arrangement. Copies are also available to view online at:
https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/environment/natural-heritage/trees

The new Order will take effect on the date specified in the Order and will expire within a period of 6 months after this date if it has not been confirmed by the planning authority.

Representations relating to the Order may be made by any person, to the planning authority at the offices stated above no later than 28 days following publication of this notice.

Representations must be made in writing, giving reasons and specifying the particular trees, groups of trees, or woodlands in respect of which they are made.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING THE ORDER

Following demolition of the former school building, the site is considered surplus to requirements and will be marketed for redevelopment. The trees on and around the site were assessed to determine their suitability for Tree Preservation Order (TPO), given their important screening function for neighbouring residential properties. With the exception of the Glebe Road frontage, the site is bounded by mature tree cover on all sides, which has historically provided effective screening between the school grounds and surrounding dwellings.

The trees comprise a wide range of species and age classes, including hawthorn, Lawson cypress, maple, beech and sycamore. Of particular interest are a number of very old apple trees which may pre-date the school's development and potentially relate to the site's historic use as the glebe associated with the former manse. The trees along the western boundary provide significant screening between the site and adjoining residential properties.

In addition, two mature trees within Council-owned open space adjacent to St Andrews Cottage are included within the Order. These trees make a positive contribution to local amenity and are considered potentially vulnerable to future pressures arising from redevelopment of the adjacent site.

Aberdeenshire Council considers that the trees have sufficient amenity value to merit protection and that they are at foreseeable risk from redevelopment of the site. It is therefore expedient in the interests of amenity to make a Tree Preservation Order to secure their long-term retention and protection.