

**Core Strategy and Policies
Development Plan Document**

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Tree Protection

- 10.32 Trees make an important contribution to the quality of both urban and open land areas. Tree cover in the Borough has never been extensive and in the last century the landscape was relatively open with small areas of woodland, orchards and hedgerows. More intensive development within the urban area has increased the importance of trees to enhance the landscape and, to a limited extent, improve air quality. The public in Spelthorne attach particular importance to the contribution of trees to the environment and the need for their protection. The Council has power to serve tree preservation orders (TPOs) to preserve trees of amenity value. Policy EN7 explains when orders will be served and how preserved trees will be protected.

Policy EN7: Tree Protection

The Council will promote tree preservation orders wherever appropriate to safeguard healthy trees of amenity value, giving priority to the protection of those known to be under threat. Permission will not normally be granted to fell preserved trees, but where such trees are felled replacement planting will be required.