

The Tree Wardens have further concerns about the inadequacy of the Local Plan without knowing the content of the apparent "Tree Protection Supplementary Planning Document". We have no idea what this will include, but having been monitoring planning applications since our comments in February, we have noted that :-

Planning applications often omit trees or deny that any are implicated.

Planning officers who are assigned to consider an application may not take into account whether trees are implicated unless it is drawn to their attention. Permission may be granted which then results in a further application to remove trees which may be difficult to refuse.

We have also noted the opposite, in that trees are sometimes removed before a planning application is submitted. This has resulted in loss of some important trees and there should be a process in place to deal with this situation if it arises.

We have reported to the Council that the list of Ancient Woodland recorded in Appendix 3 contains quite a number of inaccuracies. We are trying to assist in correcting these.

We have concerns about how we can protect our most important local area of ancient woodland, Wainbody Wood South, which is owned by Coventry but is in the neighbouring authority of Warwick who we understand are planning to build 4000 houses adjacent to it.