

News from Malvern Hills District Council

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Tree preservation at North Site

Malvern Hills District Council has been working with the Forestry Authority and the owners of North Site to make sure that prominent and mature trees are preserved on the site.

A detailed survey of all the trees on the former Ministry of Defence Site has been carried out. From this, a Tree Preservation Order has been placed on specific trees which have significant visual amenity value.

The Tree Preservation Orders will protect these trees in the short and long term, as they will be included in any new detailed layout for the redevelopment of North Site.

Further survey work is being carried out which is likely to result in future Tree Preservation Orders on additional trees of high amenity value.

A Felling Licence has recently been granted by the Forestry Authority. This allows the owners of the site to remove certain trees, which do not merit the protection of a Tree Preservation Order. Whilst some trees have been removed, overall, the landscaping plans for the site will involve considerable additional new tree planting.

Any possible future planning permission for the site will also include specific tree-related conditions. This will make sure that further areas of vegetation and trees are protected during and after development.

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Cllr John Tretheway, Chairman of the Southern Area Development Control Planning Committee said: "This approach will make sure the important landscape trees are retained, and that the visual amenity and nature conservation value of the site is enhanced. This will help to provide the site with a mature landscape quality."

The plans of the Tree Preservation Orders are available to view at the Customer Service Centre, based at Malvern Library, Graham Road, Malvern and will shortly be available to view on the web site at www.malvernhills.gov.uk .

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