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Date : 21st January 2026
Our Ref : TPO/Shepton Montague No. 1 2026

IMPORTANT - THIS COMMUNICATION MAY AFFECT YOUR PROPERTY

Dear Shepton Montague Parish Clerk,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

**THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION)(ENGLAND)
REGULATIONS 2012**
**THE SOMERSET COUNCIL (SOUTH) (SHEPTON MONTAGUE NO. 1) TREE
PRESERVATION ORDER 2026**

This is a formal notice to let you know that on 21st January 2026 the Council made the above Tree Preservation Order.

New TPO's are usually served on every owner/occupier of the land on which the trees are situated and on every other person whom the council know are entitled to fell or prune the trees protected.

A copy of the Order is enclosed. In simple terms, it prohibits anyone from cutting down, topping or lopping any of the trees described in the First Schedule and shown on the map without the Council's consent.

The Order took effect, on a provisional basis on 21st January 2026. It will continue in force on this basis for a further 6 months or until the Order is confirmed by the Council, whichever first occurs.

The Council will consider whether the Order should be confirmed, that is to say, whether it should take effect formally. Before this decision is made, the people affected by the Order have a right to make objections or other representations about any of the trees, groups of trees or woodlands covered by the Order.

If you would like to make any objections or other comments, please make sure we receive them in writing by 18th February 2026. Your comments must comply with regulation 4 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, a copy of which is reproduced at the bottom of this letter. Send your comments to Mr Ben Parkinson, Planning South Tree Officer, Somerset Council, The Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, Somerset BA20 2HT. All valid objections or representations will be considered before a decision on whether to confirm the Order is made.

In the meantime, if you would like any further information or have any questions about this letter, please contact us on the above number.

Yours faithfully

**Mr Ben Parkinson, Tree Officer
Somerset Council - South Planning**

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Copy of Regulation 6 of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012

Objections and representations

6(1) *Subject to paragraph (2), objections and representations:-*

- (a) *shall be made in writing and -*
 - (i) *delivered to the authority not later than the date specified by them under Regulation 5(2)(c); or*
 - (ii) *sent to the authority in a properly addressed and pre-paid letter posted at such time that, in the ordinary course of post, it would be delivered to them not later than that date;*
- (b) *shall specify the particular trees, groups of trees or woodlands (as the case may be) in respect of which the objections or representations are made; and*
- (c) *in the case of an objection, shall state the reasons for the objection.*

(2) The authority may treat as duly made objections and representations which do not comply with the requirements of paragraph (1) if, in the particular case, they are satisfied that compliance with those requirements could not reasonably have been expected.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND

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THE SOMERSET COUNCIL [SOUTH]

(SHEPTON MONTAGUE NO. 1)

TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 2026

Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Somerset Council (Shepton Montague No. 1) Tree Preservation Order, 2026

Somerset Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Sections 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 make the following Order: -

1. Citation

This Order may be cited as Somerset Council (Shepton Montague No. 1) Tree Preservation Order 2026 SC(South)

2. Interpretation

(1) In this Order "the authority" means Somerset Council

(2) In this Order any reference to a numbered section is a reference to the section so numbered in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and any reference to a numbered regulation is a reference to the regulation so numbered in the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.

3. Effect

(1) Subject to article 4, this Order takes effect provisionally on the date on which it is made.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (7) of Section 198 (Power to make Tree Preservation Orders) or subsection (1) of Section 200 (Tree Preservation Orders: Forestry Commissioners) and, subject to the exceptions in Regulation 14, no person shall:-

(a) cut down, top, lop, uproot, wilfully damage, or wilfully destroy; or
(b) cause or permit the cutting down, topping, lopping, wilful damage or wilful destruction of, any tree specified in the Schedule to this Order except with the written consent of the authority in accordance with Regulations 16 and 17, or of the Secretary of State in accordance with Regulation 23, and, where such consent is given subject to conditions, in accordance with those conditions.

4. Application to trees to be planted pursuant to a condition

In relation to any tree identified in the first column of the Schedule by the letter "C", being a tree to be planted pursuant to a condition imposed under paragraph (a) of Section 197 (Planning permission to include appropriate provision for preservation and planting of trees), this Order takes effect as from the time when the tree is planted.

Dated this 21st day of January 2026

The Common Seal of the SOMERSET COUNCIL
was affixed to this Order in the presence of: –



Linda Hayden, Specialist - Principal Planner
(Development Management), Service Delivery
Duly Authorised Signatory

SCHEDULE
Specification of trees

Trees specified individually

Reference on Map	Description	Situation
T1	1x Beech	The location of the tree concerned is marked upon the map below within the black circle labelled as 'T1'

Groups specified by reference to an area

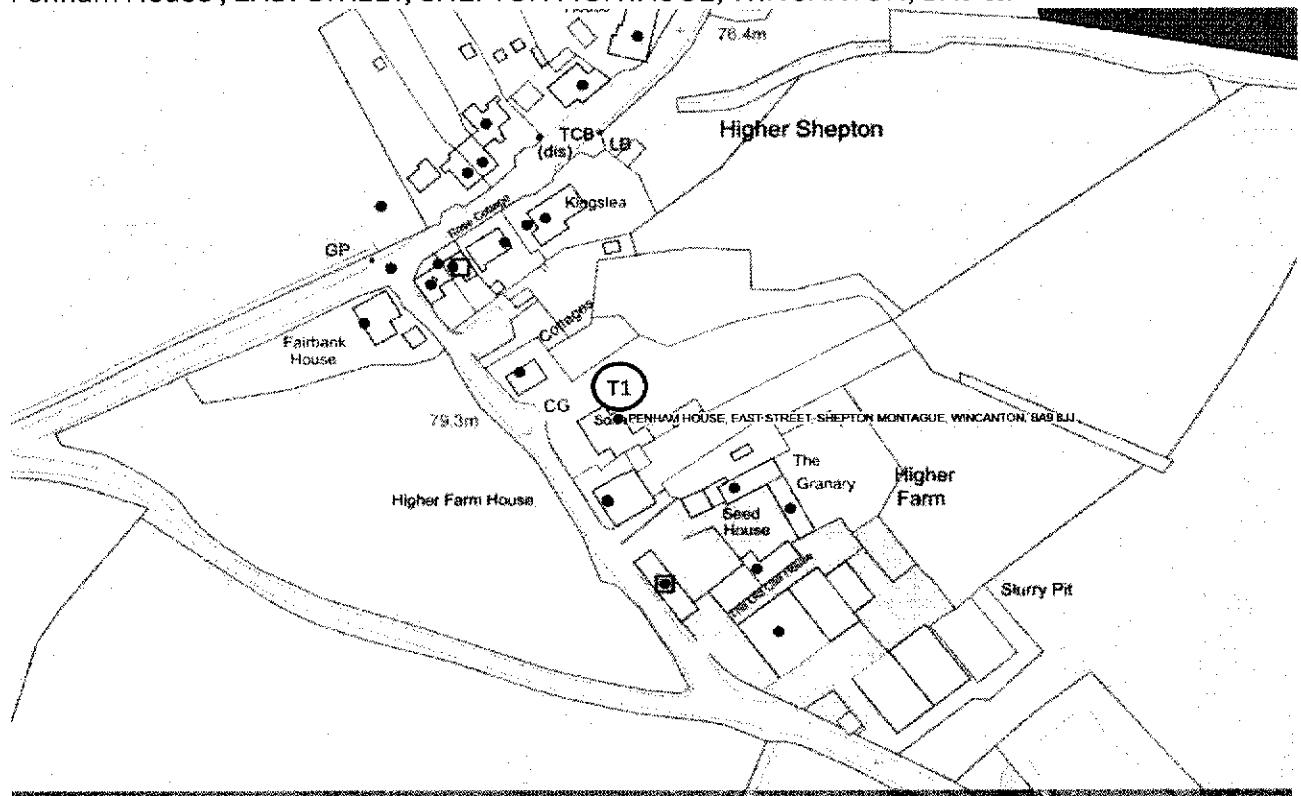
Reference on Map	Description	Situation
NONE		

Woodlands specified by reference to an area

Reference on Map	Description	Situation
NONE		

Location:

Penham House, EAST STREET, SHEPTON MONTAGUE, WINCANTON, BA9 8JJ



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21st January 2026

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