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Subject: NILGA Request - Council Planning input to inform the NILGA Response to Committee for Infrastructure's Call for Evidence on Tree Protection Bill

For the attention of Council Planning Leads

Dear Council Planning Leads,

The Committee for Infrastructure is currently undertaking a Call for Evidence on a **Tree Protection Bill** which can be viewed here: [Tree Protection Bill - Call for Evidence - Northern Ireland Assembly - Citizen Space](#) . The Call for Evidence concludes on 16th September.

To inform the NILGA response, we would greatly appreciate council viewpoints in relation to the following:

- *Proposed changes to Tree Preservation Orders, including the introduction of ecosystem services as a consideration and new provisions relating to ancient trees;*
- *The proposed requirement for councils to inspect replacement trees annually for a period of five years;*
- *New enforcement powers and associated resource implications for councils;*
- *The creation of a Tree Protection Map and any administrative, data management or reporting requirements arising for councils;*
- *The proposed requirement to refuse planning permission where development would result in the loss or deterioration of ancient or long-established woodland, or development within 15 metres of such woodland;*
- *The proposed restrictions on permitted development affecting ancient or long-established woodland; and*
- *Any operational, financial, legal or unintended consequences arising from the Bill for councils and local planning authorities.*

Many thanks in advance for any assistance you can provide.

Kind Regards,

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