

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 30th APRIL 2019**

Question

How many Tree Preservation Orders have been made in the last ten years and in respect of trees in which locations?

Answer

The ability to protect trees by order was repealed in 2002 with the introduction of the Planning and Building (Jersey) Law which enabled important amenity trees to be added to the List of Protected Trees.

There are currently 64 separate entries on the List of Protected Trees, 41 of which have been made in the last ten years. The number of entries does not, however, reflect the number of trees that are protected as an individual entry may embrace one or more trees. Details of the trees and their locations that currently feature on the List of Protected Trees are set out on the Government of Jersey website (see: <https://www.gov.je/citizen/Planning/Pages/ProtectedTrees.aspx>).

It is important to note that trees may also be protected by the use of planning conditions attached to the award of planning permission.

The Minister for the Environment considers the extent to which important amenity trees are protected to be inadequate, particularly in the Island's urban environment where their relative scarcity makes it more important to ensure their protection, and has initiated a review of the use of existing legal provisions.