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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: AGED AND VETERAN TREES (WOODLANDS TRUST).**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of protections for aged and veteran trees; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

I understand and share your concerns regarding protection for our ancient woodlands and our aged and veteran trees, which are an irreplaceable aspect of our natural environment.

That is why I welcome that the final revised version of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), sets out that *"development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats (such as ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees) should be refused, unless there are wholly exceptional reasons"*. This will ensure that these irreplaceable areas are not lost for future generations.

I am confident that the revised version of the NPPF will protect our ancient woodland and our aged and veteran trees for decades to come.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*With best wishes,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom'.

**TOM PURSGLOVE MP**  
**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT**  
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