

P-06-1441 Oak tree at the Gate of the Dead, should be given statutory protection by Cadw, as an ancient tree - Correspondence from the Petitioner to Committee, 25 August 2024

I would like to submit the attachments and following statement for the application/submission for the Crogen Oak (Oak tree at the gate of the dead):

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Oak tree at the gate of the dead

1. there may be existing levels of protection in place, but it is beside the road; and not defined within a 'Park' setting, not clearly fenced off. Ie in video: <https://youtu.be/BBT6nFKLjfU?si=siKz6kr2l3lupLK->
2. No intact fencing specific to protect the tree makes it vulnerable, and easily attacked and hacked at by someone needing wood for making a fire.
3. The age and vulnerable nature of the tree makes it a target for activists who have destroyed the likes of the Sycamore Gap tree at Hadrian's Wall
4. There is no true indication of the importance of the tree as featured in the image enclosed with this communication
5. because of the importance of the tree; although it's associated with the Chirk estate with signage nearby (but not at site) guidance offered by Danish state legislature should see the importance of the tree within its historical and cultural significance, ie a set protection offered by Cadw in line with other historical and culturally significant structures. As enclosed: Denmark Nature Protection Act 1992. This act although in another legislative region, as a model sees trees protected alongside historical monuments, as listed: Part 3 trees protected with popular beliefs and folklore.
6. Cadw should offer protection to certain trees as living historical structures with a connection in the historical and cultural landscape.

Further to this, Adfer Hanes Cymru a registered charity would be able to monitor and assist with the protection of the tree, if guided to do so.

If I can provide further data I will do so.

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BOX 4.1

VISIBLE MONUMENTS PROTECTED BY THE NATURE PROTECTION ACT (1992)

Part 1 (protected with protection zone)

burial mounds, cairns
stone cists, dolmens, passage graves
ship-settings
fortified or moated sites
fortifications
disused churchyards
ruins
runestones, monoliths
rock carvings
crosses, milestones, boundary stones

Part 2 (protected with protection zone, if owner notified)

mills
dams and dykes
bridges and road construction
stone banks and stone settings
earthworks and moated sites with buildings
holy wells
canals
structures near or in lakes, rivers and bogs
settlement sites

Part 3 (protected if owner notified - no protection zone)

ancient monuments covered by Part 1 but invisible
stones and trees connected with popular beliefs and folklore
soldiers graves
memorial monuments
boundary walls of stone or earth
traces of field cultivation
trapping pits
heaps of branches or stones near roads and bridges, accumulated as a result of local tradition