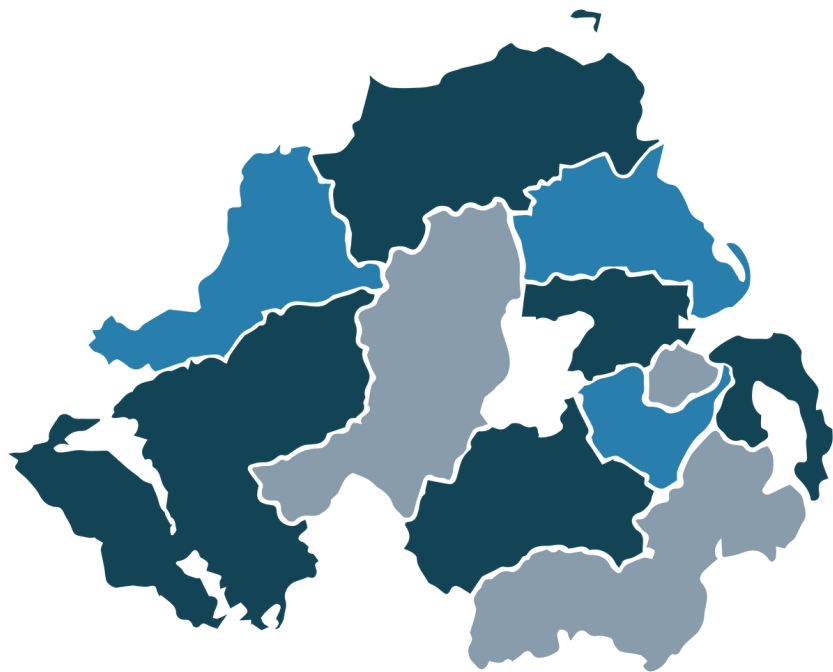
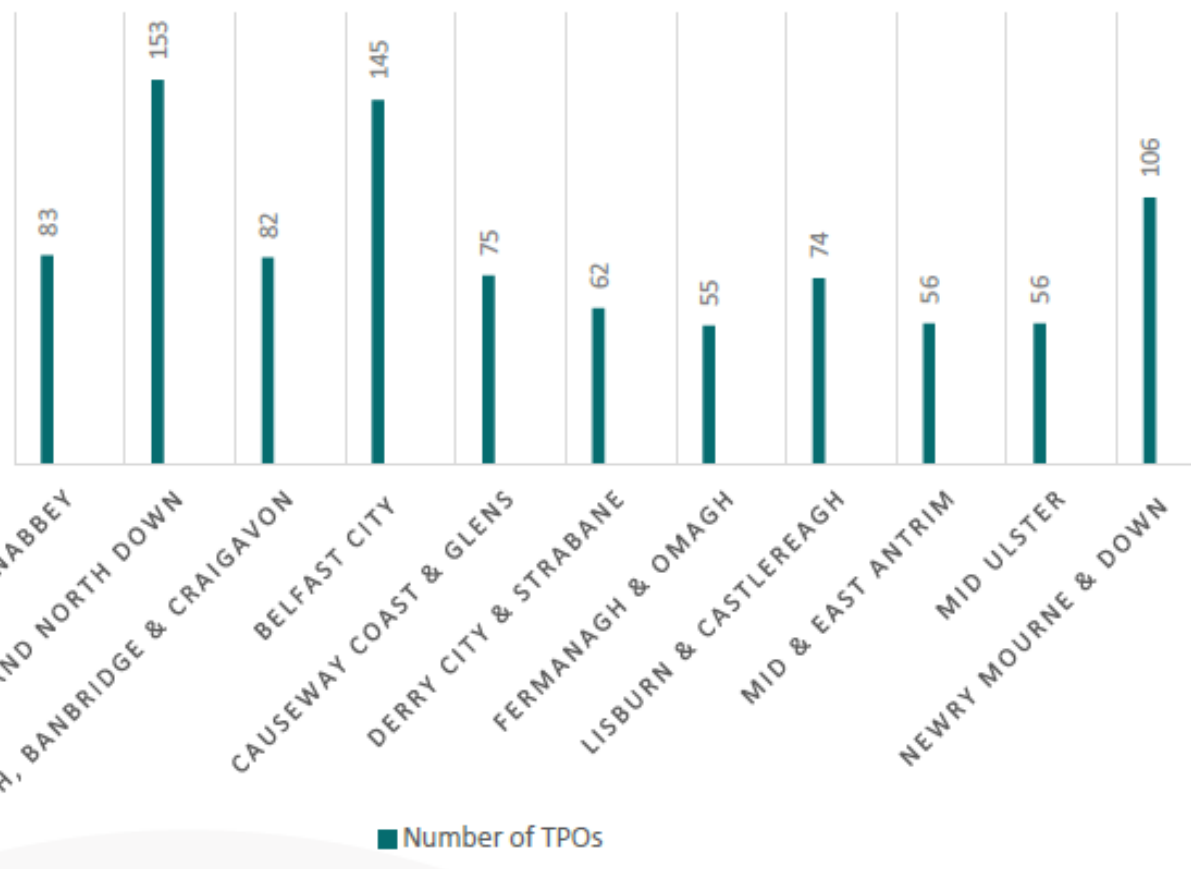


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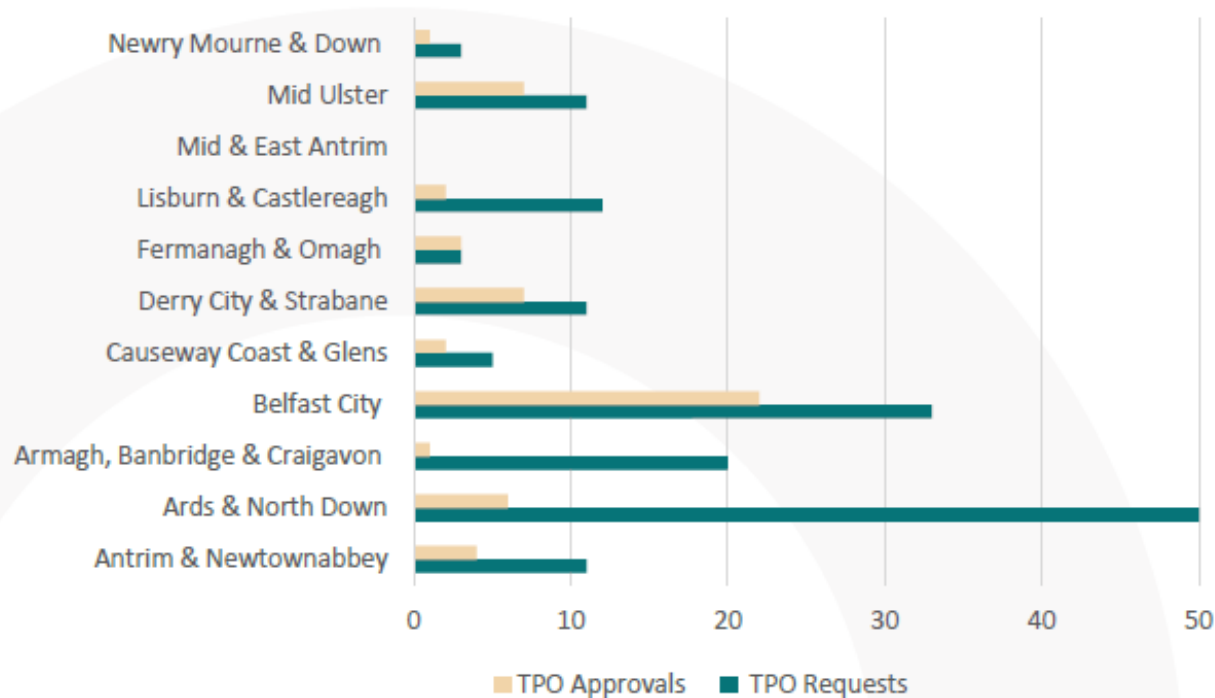


The number of TPOs in place across the council areas in July 2022



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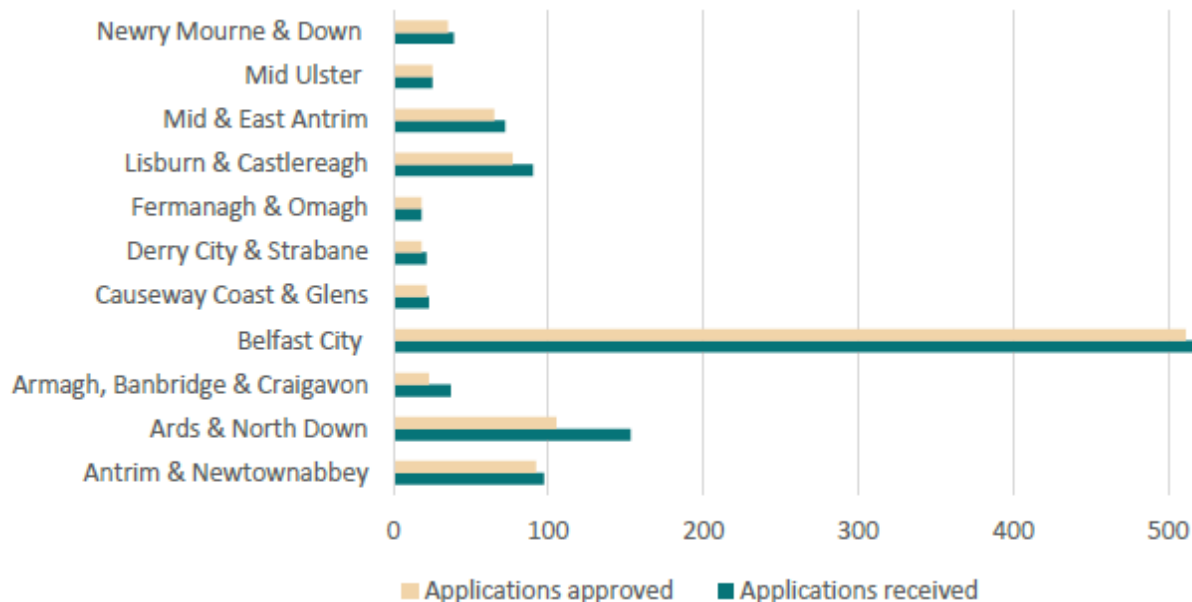
### Council TPO requests and approvals over a 3-year period during 2019-2022



Criteria published by the DOE in 2011 for assessing the merits of imposing TPOs

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Applications for works to protected trees which were received and approved by councils over a three-year period during 2019-2022



Responses indicated a **variation in approach** taken by councils on the use of independent evidence to support applications for works to protected trees.

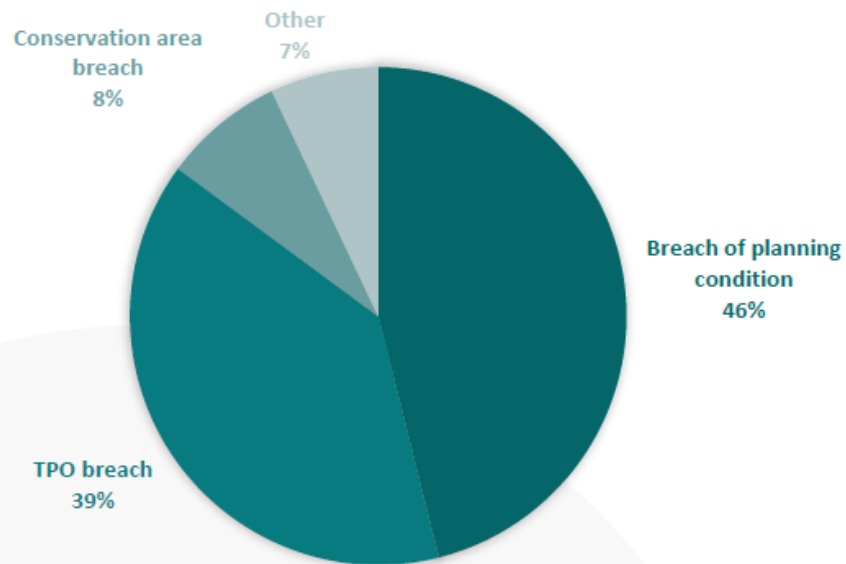
**Two councils** indicated that they **always require independent evidence** in support of applications.

**Two councils** stated that they **require independent evidence in the majority of cases**.

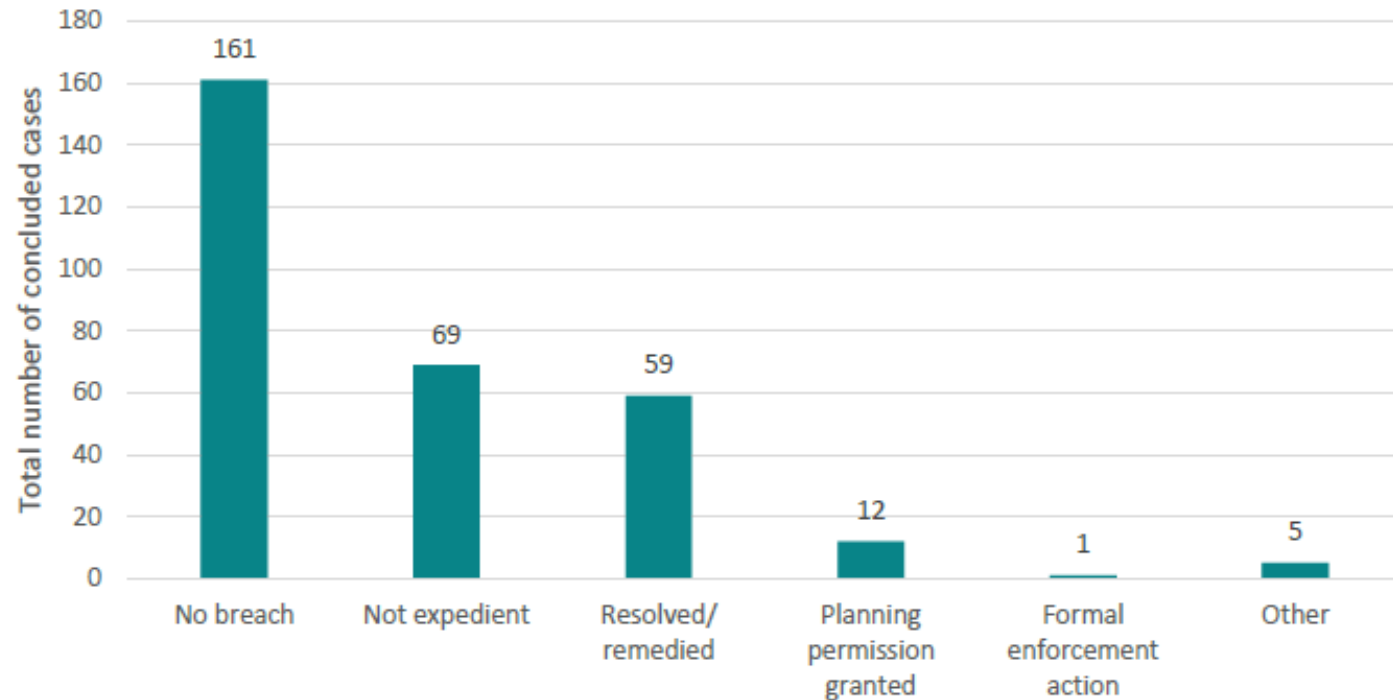
The remaining **seven councils did not address** this within their responses.

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Out of **369 tree protection breaches reported** to councils over a three year period, **only one resulted in formal enforcement action being taken.**



Types of tree protection cases opened 2019-2022.



Enforcement outcomes 2019 – 2022.