

**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=siKz6kr2I3lupLK->
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