

**COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL
DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION**

1.	Reference No:	4/22/2022/TPO										
2.	Proposed Development:	REMOVAL OF A SYCAMORE TREE PROTECTED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER										
3.	Location:	MEADOWCROFT ROAD (OPPOSITE 7 LINGLA BANK), FRIZINGTON										
4.	Parish:	Arlecdon and Frizington										
5.	Constraints:	ASC;Adverts - ASC;Adverts, TPO - TPO, Coal - Standing Advice - Data Subject To Change										
6.	Publicity Representations &Policy											
7.	Report:	<p>Description of Proposal</p> <p>The application relates to a tree on Meadowcroft Road, opposite 7 Lingla Bank.</p> <p>Permission is sought to remove the tree which is protected by a Tree Preservation Order (reference 23:1952 Sycamore 104).</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Application/Notice Tree No</th> <th>Species</th> <th>Proposed Works</th> <th>Reason</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>104</td> <td>Sycamore</td> <td>Fell</td> <td>There is a large cavity seen at the base of the tree with extensive decay. Due to the location, it is deemed this tree poses a significant risk to the highway user, using the QTRA system.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Application/Notice Tree No	Species	Proposed Works	Reason	104	Sycamore	Fell	There is a large cavity seen at the base of the tree with extensive decay. Due to the location, it is deemed this tree poses a significant risk to the highway user, using the QTRA system.
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	<p>Assessment</p> <p>The application is supported by a planning statement and supporting photographs, which include the findings from the tree inspection. The applicants Tree Specialist believes that the tree (Sycamore 104) is in decline and with a cavity seen at the base of the tree. Due to the location, the Tree Officer deemed this tree poses a significant risk to the highway user, using the QTRA system and confirmed to remove this risk, the tree will need to be felled.</p> <p>Capita were consulted as part of the application consultation process, which confirmed that the tree has a decaying cavity in the base visible to the south-east. They considered that the tree's stability is likely to reduce with time, which could result in failure into the road.</p> <p>One objection letter was received as a result of the consultation process, which raised concerns that TPO's are put on these trees to protect them and too many trees are being removed because people don't like them. The objection noted unless these trees are in a dangerous condition they should stay where they are.</p> <p>On this basis, due to the significant risk to the highway user, it is considered that the felling of the sycamore would be acceptable. Given the dense nature of this group of roadside trees, it is considered replanting is not necessary in this instance.</p> <p>Recommendation</p> <p>Recommend approval for the removal of protected tree reference 23:1952 Sycamore 104.</p>
8.	<p>Recommendation:</p> <p>TREE PRESERVATION APPROVE</p>
Case Officer: C. Unsworth	Date : 21/02/2022
Authorising Officer: N.J. Hayhurst	Date : 22/02/2022
<p>Dedicated responses to:-</p> <p>N/A</p>	