

# COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL DELEGATED PLANNING DECISION

1.	Reference No:	4/22/2291/TPO			
2.	Proposed Development:	REMOVAL OF TWO GROUPS OF ASH TREES PROTECTED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER			
3.	Location:	CROSSLACON, RHEDA PARK, 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	Neighbour Notification Letter: NO  Site Notice: NO  Press Notice: NO  Consultation Responses: See report			
	D	Relevant Planning Policies: See report			

# 7. Report:

### **Site and Location**

The application relates to two groups of ash trees at Crosslocon, Rheda Park, Frizington.

# **Description of Proposal**

Permission is sought to remove the two groups of ash trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order (reference 23:1952 within woodland W2).

Application/Notice Tree No	Species	Proposed Works	Reason
G1 and G2	2x Ash Groups	Removal of two	Both these groups of
		groups of ash trees	trees are showing signs
		protected by a tree	of Ash Dieback so this

	preservation order.	application is to remove/fell both groups.	
		The proposal would be to replant with a single Silver Birch in each location, so total two trees to replace G1 and G2.	

## **Consultation Responses**

#### Consultees

Arlecdon and Frizington Parish Council

No comments received.

#### Capita Arboriculturalist Consultant

Assessment included below with recommendation for approval.

#### **Public Representations**

One letter of objection have been received as a result of this consultation process.

#### Assessment

The application is supported by photographs and a covering letter which justified the proposed removal. The trees show signs of significant dieback due to Ash Dieback Disease.

The trees are located within Woodland W2 of Tree Preservation Order (reference 23:1952).

The Council's Tree Consultant Capita were consulted as part of the application consultation process. The relevant Officer has confirmed that the trees are in the early-mature age class and show signs of declining health. The trees are expected to last for less than 10 years. The TEMPO assessment indicated a Tree Preservation Order is indefensible due to their health and life expectancy.

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 objector believes the village has lost enough trees due to more house's being built.

On this basis, despite concerns from the public consultation, due to the health and life expectancy of the trees, it is considered that the removal would be acceptable, subject to a replacement planting condition.

#### Recommendation

Recommend the tree removal for approval with replacement planting conditions:

The two felled ash groups are to be replaced during the first planting season following the work. Plant 2x Silver Birch (Betula pendula), 6-8cm girth and 'light-standard' within 3m of the felled trees they replace. Alternatively, another size, species, location or period should be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. If a replacement tree dies, becomes diseased, or is damaged within 5 years of the date of planting, it must be replaced in the next available planting season by another of a similar size and species.

#### Reason

To ensure the continuity of amenity in accordance with 'Policy DM28 – Protection of Trees' of the Copeland Local Plan 2013-2028.

#### 8. **Recommendation:**

TREE PRESERVATION APPROVE

Case Officer: C. Unsworth Date: 09/08/2022

Authorising Officer: N.J. Hayhurst Date: 09/08/2022

Dedicated responses to:-

N/A