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Please Contact: Demi Crawford
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My Ref: 4/24/2189/TPO
Date: 24 June 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

**FELLING OF AN ASH TREE SITUATED WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
LAND TO THE REAR OF 6 FOXHOUSES ROAD, WHITEHAVEN**

I refer to your application of 24/05/2024 for consent to carry out the following work within a Conservation Area:-


FELLING OF AN ASH TREE SITUATED WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

I would confirm that there are no objections to the proposal, subject to the following conditions:-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

TREE ID NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1	1x Ash	Felling of an Ash tree situated within a Conservation Area.
REASON		
'T1 – Ash – Fell due to Ash Dieback as advised by Highways assessment. Replanting not advised due to close proximity to road and bad access for future maintenance.'		

DISCUSSION

	<p>We visually inspected the large, mature Ash tree.</p> <p>The tree does not currently show signs of Ash Dieback Disease. Further information on Ash Dieback Disease can be found at Tree-Council-Ash-dieback-tree-owners-guide-FINAL.pdf (treecouncil.org.uk).</p> <p>From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the Whitehaven Corkickle Conservation Area. And a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) does not protect the tree.</p>
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The tree does not currently show the classic symptoms of Ash Dieback Disease. As the Cumberland Council Highways Department letter is dated 04 March 2024, an assessment may have been carried out during the winter months, when it is more difficult to determine if the tree is suffering from the disease. We expect the tree may suffer from the disease in the coming years, consequently we cannot justify protecting it with a TPO.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Inform the applicant the tree is not currently suffering from Ash Dieback Disease, and they may want to ask Cumberland Council Highways Department to carry out a second assessment while the leaves are on the tree. They may want to retain the tree.

However, if they prefer to remove the tree they are okay to carry out the work in the notification.

For your information, a copy of the Council's Arboriculturalists report is enclosed.

Your Right of Appeal

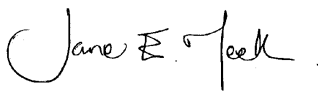
If you disagree with our decision you can appeal to The Planning Inspectorate, Environment and Transport Team, 3/A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN within 28 days from the date you received this decision.

Compensation

If you suffer any loss or damage as a result of a condition attached to this consent, you might be entitled to recover compensation from the Council. If you wish to make a claim you must do so within 12 months from the date of this decision (or, if you appeal to the Secretary of State, within 12 months from the date of this decision). Claims should be made in writing to the Planning Manager, Cumberland Council, The Market Hall, Market Place, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 7JG.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the case officer Demi Crawford on 01946 598413

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane E. Meek'.

Jane Meek
Assistant Director
Thriving Place and Investment