

West Lakes Tree Services
4 Forestry Houses
Gosforth
Seascale
CA20 1BB
FAO: Miss Jodene Prater

Please Contact: Nick Hayhurst
Officer Tel No: 01946 598331
My Ref: 4/25/2062/TPO
Date: 14 April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

**20-30% REDUCTION OF A MATURE ACER PSEUDOPLATANUS (SYCAMORE) TREE
PROTECTED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER
ALBANY HOUSE, 13 BECK RISE, BECKERMET**

I refer to your application of 24/02/2025 under the above Tree Preservation Order for consent to carry out the following work: -

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
1x Sycamore	20-30% reduction of a mature Acer pseudoplatanus (Sycamore) tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
REASON	
There is a mature acer pseudoplatanus (sycamore) located in the back garden of Mr and Mrs Metcalfs property (54°26'46.1"N 3°31'10.6"W). As their property is within approx 10-8 meters of the tree in question, they have raised concerns that due to the recent stormy weather we have had, branches have been falling and generally the canopy spread has grown larger since the last reduction. As a result they have asked us to apply for tree work to be done, similar to that carried out previously; we estimate that to be about a 20-30% reduction as it currently stands. We have suggested a reduction of about 20-30%, taking limbs back to pruning cuts that were agreed and accepted by yourselves previously.	

The Sycamore tree is in the mature age class and show signs of normal health.

Given the health, age and size of the tree, it is expected that the proposed work will not significantly impact the local or wider amenity of the area. This work is not considered to have a detrimental impact on the wider landscape; therefore, we consider the proposed work is acceptable

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

1. Carry out all pruning work in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations section 7.7 ‘Crown reduction and reshaping’

Reason:

In accordance with Section 198 of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and in the interest of good arboricultural practice.

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 Nick Hayhurst on 01946 598331

Yours faithfully



Nick Hayhurst
Head of Planning and Place
Inclusive Growth and Placemaking