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FAO: Mr Paul Cottier

Please Contact: Christie Burns  
Officer Tel No: 01946 598244  
My Ref: 4/25/2128/TPO  
Date: 27 May 2025

Dear Mr Cottier,

**RE: T1, SYCAMORE. SYCAMORE WITH EXTENSIVE DECAY AND EVIDENCE OF POLYPORUS SQUAMOSUS. PROPOSE REDUCING HEIGHT BY APPROXIMATELY 50% OF ITS CURRENT FULL HEIGHT TO MINIMISE THE RISK OF STEM FAILURE. T2, CHERRY. BRANCH ENCROACHING ON LANE BEING STRUCK BY DELIVERY VEHICLES. PROPOSE PRUNING BRANCH 1.5M CLEAR OF LANE. T3, HOLLY. PROPOSE 2M CROWN LIFT TO ALLOW ACCESS TO GRAVES FOR GROUNDS MAINTENANCE WORKERS. T4, HORSE CHESTNUT. CLEAR PRUNE FROM LAMPPOST AND FOOTPATH. T5, SYCAMORE. RE COPPICE SYCAMORE THAT IS GROWING TOO CLOSE TO THE STONE WALL.  
AT: THE PRIORY, ST BEES**

I refer to your application of the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 under the above Tree Preservation Order for consent to carry out the following work:-

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL**

<b>APPLICATION TREE NO.</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>PROPOSED WORKS</b>
T1 to T5	2x Sycamore; 1x Cherry; 1x Holly & 1x Horse Chestnut	T1, Sycamore. Sycamore with extensive decay and evidence of Polyporus squamosus. Propose reducing height by approximately 50% of its current full height to minimise the risk of stem failure. T2, Cherry. Branch encroaching on lane being struck by delivery vehicles. Propose pruning branch 1.5m clear of lane. T3, Holly. Propose 2m crown lift to allow access to graves for grounds maintenance workers. T4, Horse Chestnut. Clear prune from lamppost and footpath. T5, Sycamore. Re coppice sycamore that is growing too close to the stone wall.

### **DISCUSSION**

These trees are in the mature age category and show signs of normal vitality.

The site falls within the St Bees Conservation Area although the trees are not protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO).

The work detailed in the application is considered to be reasonable to prevent the trees becoming a nuisance.

A TEMPO assessment has been undertaken which shows a TPO is defensible, but given the work the applicant is proposing, this is considered to be unwarranted at this time.

### **Decision**

I would confirm that there are no objections to the proposed works as detailed within the application which are considered to be reasonable to prevent the trees causing a nuisance.

### **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 Christie Burns on 01946 598422.

Yours sincerely



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