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Please Contact: Christie Burns
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My Ref: 4/25/2143/TPO
Date: 27 May 2025

Dear Mr Brock,

**RE: VARIOUS WORKS TO TREES SITUATED WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
AT: SEACROFT HOUSE, SEACROFT DRIVE, ST BEES**

I refer to your application of the 17th April 2025 under the above Tree Preservation Order for consent to carry out the following work:-

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

Species	Proposed Works	Reason
12x Sycamores & 2x Fir trees	Various works to trees situated within a Conservation Area.	'-We have 8 Sycamores which have grown significantly whilst living here and are over-height given the storms of recent years. In addition, large sections are dead at the top and at risk of danger to passers. Request to reduce height by up to 2m and remove dead sections. -Remove 2 Fir trees which are overgrown and becoming lopsided due to wind. -Remove over hanging branches on 4 Sycamore trees located on 15 Seacroft Drive (owner aware). Also remove dead sections. This will help to balance the trees for future storms.'

DISCUSSION

The trees are in the mature age category and show signs of moderate to normal vitality.

The site falls within the St Bees Conservation Area although a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) does not protect these trees.

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

Our TEMPO assessment shows a TPO is defensible, but given the work the applicant is proposing, it 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.

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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