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My Ref: 4/26/2104/TPO
Date: 3 July 2026

Dear Sir/Madam

**VARIOUS WORKS TO TREES SITUATED WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA
THE COPELAND CENTRE, CATHERINE STREET, WHITEHAVEN**

I refer to your application of 07/04/2026 for consent to carry out the following work:-

VARIOUS WORKS TO TREES SITUATED WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

APPLICATION TREE GROUP No.	PROPOSED WORKS
G1—G5	Various works to trees situated within a Conservation Area.
REASON	
'G1 – Tilia sp., Prunus sp. and Acer sp. In border between car park and footway. Prune to crown lift 2.4m for clearance of car park and footway. G2 – Mixed Acer spp. and Fagus sylvatica 'Dawyck' within flowerbed squares obstructing walkways and building. Crown lift to 2.4m and crown reduce up to 30% volume where impeding on structure or upper story lighting. G3 – Three Betula pendula specimens two of good form and one planted too close with unusual kink in trunk. Remove poorly formed specimen and conduct crown lifting on retained trees to 2.4m with additional crown reduction of 15% volume. G4 – Three Acer drumondii and Prunus cerasifera 'Nigra' overgrowing boundary and into building sides. Reduce Acer drumondii's by 30% crown volume and remove Prunus cerasifera due to proximity to structure. G5 – Betula utilis var. jacqmontii and Crataegus prunifolia 'Splendens' growing out towards building and over pathway from herbaceous border. Prune to crown lift to 2.4m and reduce by 20% volume.'	

Planning Authority Decision

We consider the work detailed in the application to be reasonable to prevent the trees becoming a nuisance. However, we should ask the applicant to follow the guidance in the Application for Tree Works document (guidance_note-works_to_trees.pdf (SECURED)) and provide a clear and measurable specification to ensure the proposed works can be carried out as intended and assessed accordingly.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 3) shows a TPO is defensible for all the groups, but given the work the applicant is proposing, we consider it is unwarranted at this time.

A copy of the Arboriculturists report is attached for your reference.

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 'N. S. Hayhurst'.

Nick Hayhurst
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Thriving Places