

# ***ARBORICULTURAL REPORT***

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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**Reference:** 4/24/2217/TPO

**Location:** THE SPINNEY, LAMPLUGH.

**Officer:** Demi Crawford

**Date:** 24 July 2024

## **CONSULTANTS REPORT**

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL**

<b>APPLICATION TREE NO.</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>PROPOSED WORKS</b>
T1 & T2	Dead Elm & Sycamore	Prune sycamore branches (T2) and dead branches (T1) to give a 1-metre clearance of the existing aerial cable on trees protected by a tree preservation order.
<b>REASON</b>		
'Proposed Tree Trimming Works Our tree trimming contractors would be required to prune sycamore branches (T2) and dead branches (T1) to give a 1-metre clearance of the existing aerial cable span to ensure the safest working conditions for feeding new fibreoptic cables along the existing cable span (aerial span).'		

### **DISCUSSION**

The Sycamore tree is in the mature age class and shows signs of normal health. Dead wood removal is an exemption under the TPO regulations, so therefore does not require permission.

From the Cumberland Council website, Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.1:2003 protects these trees. The website does not say if they are protected as part of a Group, Area or Woodland Order.

Given the health, age and size of the Sycamore tree, we expect the proposed work will not be detrimental to the health of the tree or impact the local or wider amenity of the area. Therefore, we consider the proposed work is acceptable.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

We recommend informing the applicant that deadwood removal is an exemption under the TPO regulations. And that they can carry out the pruning work in the application subject to the following condition.

We recommend attaching 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.