

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

In Support of a Planning Application for the Erection of a Fence

This Arboricultural Report has been prepared in support of a planning application to **Cumberland Council** for the erection of a fence at:

Site Address:

1 West End

Rheda Park

Frizington

CA26 3AB

Applicant:

Marc Jackson

The purpose of this report is to identify trees within influencing distance of the proposed fence, assess any potential impacts arising from the development, and to demonstrate that the proposal will not adversely affect protected trees or overall tree amenity.

2. Scope and Methodology

This report is based on a **visual arboricultural assessment** of trees located on and adjacent to the site boundary where the proposed fence is to be erected.

The assessment has been informed by the principles set out in:

- **BS 5837:2012 – Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction**

No invasive investigations were undertaken, as the proposed development is minor in nature.

3. Site Description

The site comprises a **Residential Property** with the proposed fence running along an existing boundary. See attached Site Plan (appendix 4)

The fence is intended to improve **boundary definition, privacy, and security** and will consist of a lightweight fence construction with discrete post foundations.

Description of proposed Fence

- Concrete Posts every 1.8m
 - 1.8m high.
 - Posts set 1.2m from road side
 - 65m along the boundary
 - Treated Timber cladding running vertical
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4. Tree Constraints and TPO Status

4.1 Tree Preservation Orders

There are **only two Tree Preservation Order (TPO) trees** relevant to the proposal, both of which are situated **on the site boundary**:

- **Tree 8.03**
 - Status: **Protected (TPO)**
 - Current condition: **Felled following approval via the Council's consent process in May 2021.**
 - Notes: The removal of this tree was authorised by Cumberland Council under separate application and is therefore lawful and no longer material to the assessment of this proposal.
- **Tree 8.01 – Beech**
 - Species: **(Beech)**
 - Status: **Protected (TPO)**
 - Condition: **Retained**
 - Location: Adjacent to the proposed fence line
 - Reference: **Clearly identified and outlined on the attached (Appendix 3)**

No other TPO trees are present within or adjacent to the application site.

5. Impact Assessment

5.1 Proposed Fence Works

The proposed fence represents a **low-impact form of development**. Installation will require only localised excavation for fence posts, with no changes to ground levels and

no requirement for tree removal or pruning. The fence will also replace the existing Rheda Park Boundary iron fence which has since been removed due to damage.

5.2 Impact on Tree 8.01 (Beech)

Tree 8.01 will be **retained in situ** and protected throughout the works. Any excavation for fence posts within the vicinity of the tree will be undertaken carefully to avoid damage to significant roots.

Given the minor scale of the works and the nature of fence installation, **no significant harm to the health, rooting environment, or long-term viability of Tree 8.01 is anticipated.**

6. Tree Protection and Mitigation Measures

To ensure compliance with arboricultural best practice, the following measures will be implemented:

- Fence post installation within potential Root Protection Areas (RPAs) to be **hand dug only**
- Any roots over **25mm diameter** encountered to be retained and protected
- Fence alignment to be adjusted slightly if necessary to avoid significant roots
- No storage of materials, spoil, concrete mixing, or machinery beneath the Beech tree canopy

These precautions will safeguard Tree 8.01 during construction.

7. Conclusion

This Arboricultural Report confirms that:

- Only **two TPO trees** are relevant to the proposal
- **Tree 8.03 has been lawfully felled** following council consent
- **Tree 8.01 (Beech) is retained** and clearly identified on **Appendix 3**
- The proposed fence is a **minor development** with **no significant arboricultural impact**
- With appropriate care during installation, **tree health and amenity will be preserved**

From an arboricultural perspective, the proposed fence is **acceptable** and should not raise any objection in tree-related terms.

8. Declaration

This report has been prepared truthfully and professionally, based on a visual assessment and in accordance with current arboricultural guidance.

Prepared by:

Eddie Cruickshank -Experience and Qualifications attached (Appendix 1) back in 2020.

I have also attached what the proposed fence will look like via Chat GPT (Appendix 5)

Regards

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