

# ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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**Reference:** 4/23/2157/TPO

**Location:** MEADOWCROFT ROAD, FRIZINGTON

**Officer:** Chloe Unsworth

**Date:** 10 July 2023

## CONSULTANTS REPORT

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS	APPLICANT'S REASON
Removal of an Ash tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order	1x Ash tree	Ash (1) – remove tree	'Remove tree due to Ash Dieback'.

### DISCUSSION

The Ash tree is in the mature age class and are suffering from Ash Dieback Disease (<https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/ftthr/pest-and-disease-resources/ash-dieback-hymenoscyphus-fraxineus/>). We expect the trees will last for less than 5 years.

The tree overhangs the garden area and road. One of the symptoms of Ash Dieback Disease is the wood becomes brittle which can lead to branch or trunk failures.

This tree is on the schedule of Tree Preservation Order (TPO) 23 (1952), so has statutory protection.

Our TEMPO assessment below indicates a TPO is indefensible due to its declining health and reduced life expectancy.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend informing the applicant they can carry out the work detailed in the application subject to the following conditions:

1. The felled tree must be replaced during the first planting season following the work. Plant 1x Common Lime (*Tilia x europaea*) tree of 'Standard' size (8-10cm girth) in a similar location. Alternatively, another size, species, location, or period should be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. If the replacement trees die, become diseased, or are damaged within 5 years of the planting date, they must be replaced in the next available planting season by another of a similar size and species.

Reason: To ensure the continuity of amenity in accordance with 'Policy DM28 – Protection of Trees' of the Copeland Local Plan 2013-2028.

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TEMPO Assessment					
<b>Part 1: Amenity Assessment</b>					
<b>a) Condition &amp; Suitability:</b>	5-Good = <i>Highly Suitable</i> 3-Fair/Satisfactory = <i>Suitable</i> 1-Poor = Unlikely to be <i>suitable</i> 0-Dead/dying/dangerous = <i>Unsuitable</i>	<b>0</b>	<b>b) Retention span (in years) &amp; suitability for TPO:</b>	5-100+ = <i>Highly Suitable</i> 4-40-100 = <i>Very suitable</i> 2-20-40 = <i>Suitable</i> 1-10-20 = <i>Just suitable</i> 0-<10 = <i>Unsuitable</i>	<b>0</b>
<b>c) Relative public visibility &amp; suitability for TPO:</b>	5-Very large with some visibility, or prominent large trees = <i>Highly Suitable</i> 4-Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public = <i>Suitable</i> 3-Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only = <i>Suitable</i> 2-Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty = <i>Barely suitable</i> 1-Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size = <i>Unsuitable</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>d) Other factors – trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify:</b>	5-Principal components of formal arboricultural features, or veteran trees 4-Tree groups, or principal members of groups important for their cohesion 3-Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance 2-Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual 1-Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features (inc. those of indifferent form) -1-Trees with poor form or which are generally unsuitable for their location	<b>0</b>
<b>Part 2: Expediency Assessment</b> <i>trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:</i>			<b>Part 3: Decision guide</b>		
5-Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice 3-Foreseeable threat to tree 2- Perceived threat to tree 1-Precautionary only	<b>0</b>	Any 0 = <i>Do not apply TPO</i> 1-6 = <i>TPO indefensible</i> 7-11 = <i>Does not merit TPO</i> 12-15 = <i>TPO defensible</i> 16+ = <i>Definitely merits TPO</i>	<b>4</b>		