

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/23/2175/TPO

Location: WOODLAND TO THE SOUTH OF ACORN BANK, CLEATOR

Officer: Chloe Unsworth

Date: 10 July 2023

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS	REASON
Removal of two trees protected by a tree preservation order	2x Beech trees	Fell 2x trees marked on photos and shown on sketch	None given

DISCUSSION

The two Beech trees are in the mature age class, and we expect they will last for less than 20 years. The trees are growing in a woodland area and overhang agricultural fields.

From the Cumberland Council website, a Tree Preservation Order – TPO 37 (1988) – protects these trees. The website does not say if the trees are protected as part of a Group, Area or Woodland Order.

Our TEMPO assessment (pages 2 & 3) shows a TPO is indefensible for these two trees due to their condition 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 two felled trees are to be replaced during the first planting season following the work. Plant 2x Common Beech (*Fagus sylvatica*) trees 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							
Part 1: Amenity Assessment							
a) Condition & Suitability:	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>	Tree 1	Tree 2	b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for TPO:	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>	Tree 1	Tree 2
		1	1			1	1
c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO:	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>	4	4	d) Other factors – trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify:	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	0	0

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Part 2: Expediency Assessment <i>trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:</i>				Part 3: Decision guide	
5-Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice 3-Foreseeable threat to tree 2- Perceived threat to tree 1-Precautionary only	Tree 1	Tree 2	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>	Tree 1	Tree 2
	0	0		6	6