

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

Reference: 4/23/2163/TPO

Location: 10 CORKICKLE, WHITEHAVEN.

Officer: Chloe Unsworth

Date: 10 July 2023

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1, Hedge 1 & Hedge 2	1x Cherry & 2x Beech hedges	Tree works to trees and two hedges which are situated in a conservation area.
REASON		
T1 Cherry. Carry out 1 metre crown reduction and clean prune Cherry to maintain tree at a size suitable to its location. Cuts not to exceed 25mm. Hedge 1 and Hedge 2. Carry out 0.5 to 1 metre height reduction of two overgrown Beech hedges to restore to a height manageable for the client. Many of the plants exceed 75mm at breast height. Also several young Ash, Sycamore and Holly have self seeded in the hedge and I would like these to be included.		

DISCUSSION

The mature Cherry tree (T1) is in normal health, and we expect it will last for more than 20 years. The two Beech hedges are in the early-mature age category but have not recently been maintained as a hedge.

From the Copeland Borough Council website, the tree and hedges are within the Whitehaven Corkickle Conservation Area.

The specification and reasons given for pruning the tree and hedges are reasonable and justified.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend informing the applicant they can carry out the specified work or waiting for the six-week determination period to lapse.

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TEMPO Assessment												
Part 1: Amenity Assessment												
a) Condition &	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>	T1	T2	T3	T4	b) Retention span (in years) &	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>	T1	T2	T3	T4	
		5	3	5	3			4	4	4	0	
c) Relative public visibility &	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>	2	2	2	1	d) Other factors – trees must have accrued 7 or	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	2	1	2	0	
Part 2: Expediency Assessment trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:						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	T1	T2	T3	T4	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>	T1	T2	T3	T4			
	5	5	5	0		18	15	18	4			