

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/23/2323/TPO

Location: 16 FOXHOUSES ROAD, WHITEHAVEN.

Officer: Chloe Wootton

Date: 07 December 2023

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1	1x Ash	Removal of ash tree within a Conservation Area.
REASON		
<p>'Tree is Fraxinus excelsior - common Ash (See T1 on sketch plan). Tree is most likely a self seeded plant which is growing in cracks of paved area (See photo A). Tree Showing signs of Ash die-back (see Photo C)</p> <p>Garden is terraced (4 terraces), tree located on second terrace. Tree base is at the same level as 2nd floor of houses, aprox 10 metres from house, aprox 5 metres from out building of no 16 and 17 Fox House road (see Photo B). Tree is multi stemmed, girth at base is 18 inches and 15 inches (two stemmed tree) (see Photo D). Tree height is aprox 11 metres from base of tree (see Photo B).</p> <p>Description of works - aim to remove tree. Dismantle tree and remove tree root. Reinstate paved area.'</p>		

DISCUSSION

The tree is in the mature age class and shows signs of declining health due to Ash Dieback disease.

From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the Whitehaven Corkickle Conservation Area. And a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) does not protect this tree.

Given its location, we consider the work detailed in the application reasonable to prevent the tree causing damage or becoming a nuisance.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows a TPO is indefensible.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Inform the applicant they can carry out the work in the notification or wait for the six-week determination period to lapse.

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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>	T1	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>	T1
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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>	1	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
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	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
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