

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/23/2338/TPO

Location: KHANDELLA HOUSE, HIGH HOUSE ROAD, ST BEES.

Officer: Chloe Wootton

Date: 07 December 2023

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1	1x Beech	Application to fell a beech tree within a Conservation Area.
REASON		
'T1, Beech. Tree has large cavity at base >90% stem cross section caused by loss of co dominant stem. Tree also has significant die back in top third of crown. Due to proximity to highway and neighbouring property I propose to dismantle the tree.'		

DISCUSSION

The mature Beech tree shows signs of declining health and has a decaying cavity at the base of the trunk.

From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the St Bees 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>	T1	b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for TPO:	5-100+ = <i>Highly Suitable</i>	T1
	3-Fair/Satisfactory = <i>Suitable</i>	1		4-40-100 = <i>Very suitable</i>	1
	1-Poor = Unlikely to be <i>suitable</i>			2-20-40 = <i>Suitable</i>	
	0-Dead/dying/dangerous = <i>Unsuitable</i>			1-10-20 = <i>Just suitable</i>	
				0-<10 = <i>Unsuitable</i>	
c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO:	5-Very large with some visibility, or prominent large trees = <i>Highly Suitable</i>	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	0
	4-Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public = <i>Suitable</i>			4-Tree groups, or principal members of groups important for their cohesion	
	3-Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only = <i>Suitable</i>			3-Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance	
	2-Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty = <i>Barely suitable</i>			2-Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual	
	1-Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size = <i>Unsuitable</i>			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	
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	T1	Any 0 = <i>Do not apply TPO</i>	1-6 = <i>TPO indefensible</i>	7-11 = <i>Does not merit TPO</i>	T1
	0				
3-Foreseeable threat to tree					
2- Perceived threat to tree					
1-Precautionary only			16+ = <i>Definitely merits TPO</i>		