

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/23/2339/TPO

Location: THE PRIORY, ST BEES.

Officer: Chloe Wootton

Date: 07 December 2023

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

| APPLICATION TREE NO. | SPECIES | PROPOSED WORKS |
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| T1-T6 | 5x Sycamore & 1x Poplar | Various works to trees within a Conservation Area. |
| REASON | | |
| 'T1, T2, T3 & T4 Sycamore. T5 Hybrid Black Poplar. Crown lift to give 5.2m clearance to road and allow unimpeded vehicular access to Holly Mews. T6, Sycamore. Clear prune to give 2m clearance to neighbouring house and telephone lines. All pruning cuts to comply with BS 3998:2010.' | | |

DISCUSSION

The trees are all in the mature age category and show signs of normal vitality.

From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the St Bees Conservation Area. And a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) does not protect any of these trees.

We consider the work detailed in the application reasonable to prevent the trees causing damage or becoming a nuisance.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows a TPO is defensible, but given the work the applicant is proposing, we consider it is unwarranted at this time.

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 | | | | | |
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| 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 |
| | | 5 | | | 4 |
| 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> | 3 | 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 | 1 |
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| 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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