

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/23/2347/TPO

Location: TESCO STORES, LANCASHIRE ROAD, MILLOM.

Officer: Chloe Wootton

Date: 07 December 2023

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
2x Sycamore	Removal of two sycamore trees within a Conservation Area.
REASON	
'Removal of 2 x self seeded sycamore trees. Individually remove branches from the crowns of the two trees. The stems will then be sectionally felled. The tree rooted on the Tesco side of the palisade fence will be cut to as close as ground level as is feasible. The tree rooted on the railway side will be cut back to fence line. Ecoplugs will be inserted into the stumps to prevent regrowth.'	

DISCUSSION

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

From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the Millom 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 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>	2	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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