

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Location: LAND AT PRESTON STREET, PRESTON STREET, WHITEHAVEN

Officer: Christopher J Harrison

Date: 12 December 2023

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

Erection of a discount food store with associated access, parking, hard and soft landscaping and associated works.

DISCUSSION

Following our site visit, we have the following comment/observation to make on the proposed development.

The proposed site layout involves construction and ground level changes close to trees growing on the site.

The submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment report (dated 04 September 2023), produced by All About Trees, details nine trees and five groups. The report categorises five of these trees as moderate-quality (Nos.1, 6, 7, 8 & 9) and four trees (Nos.2, 3, 4, & 5) and five groups (Nos.1, 2, 3, 4, & 5) as low-quality.

The report states: *'It will be necessary to remove some of the existing trees to facilitate the proposed development:*

- *Trees 2-9*
- *Groups 2, 3, 5*
- *The majority of group 4.*

will need to be removed to facilitate the construction of the new building and associated infrastructure.'

The applicant has also submitted an Arboricultural Method Statement which describes how to protect the retained trees during the construction of the proposed development.

The applicant has also submitted a landscaping plan (Dwg. No.NSH 012 P101). The plan does not provide a specification for the plants and trees, or a strategy for the management and future maintenance of the landscaping scheme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend attaching the following conditions to any planning permission:

- The recommendations in the submitted Arboricultural Method Statement should be implemented in full. The tree protection barriers must be erected prior to any construction work on-site and maintained for the duration of the

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construction operations. Any amendments to the Arboricultural Method Statement must be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing.

- The applicant should submit a detailed Landscaping Plan giving details of the locations and specification for the proposed trees and shrubs, which should also include a planting method statement and a five-year maintenance plan. This should be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of any work on-site.