

# ***ARBORICULTURAL REPORT***

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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**Reference:** 4/22/2332/0F1

**Location:** LAND TO THE WEST OF VALLEY VIEW ROAD, WHITEHAVEN

**Officer:** Christopher J Harrison

**Date:** 14 September 2022

## **CONSULTANTS REPORT**

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

Full planning application for 109 dwelling houses and associated infrastructure including landscaping, open space, access, highway and drainage.

### DISCUSSION

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

The applicant has submitted an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Proj. No. UG1415-01/08/2022) produced by Urban Green. This includes an assessment of the impacts of the proposed development on the trees and a tree protection plan giving details of tree protection barrier and its location during the construction operations.

Section 4.4 of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment summarises the impacts of the proposed scheme layout. It lists one individual tree, and two groups of trees will be lost as part of this development. Also, one group requires pruning to facilitate the proposed development.

The applicant has submitted a Soft Landscape Plan (Proj. No. UG\_1415\_LAN\_GA\_DRW\_01) produced by Urban Green. These plans include a detailed plant schedule and show the locations of the proposed trees and plants.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Include a condition of any planning permission requiring the submission of an arboricultural method statement prior to any construction activity on site. This should be agreed in writing by the LPA and give details of the necessary tree protection and any ground protection measures to minimise soil compaction and damage to the retained trees.

Also, include a condition of any planning permission requiring the submitted landscaping plan is implemented in full in the first growing season following construction of the development. Any trees or shrubs dying within five years of planting must be replanted with similar species.