

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Location: NATIONAL WESTMINSTER BANK LTD, 5 ST GEORGES ROAD,
MILLOM

Officer: Christie M Burns

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CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

Change of use of property from former commercial (bank) & residential use to proposed Millom Arts & Enterprise Centre including demolition of existing outrigger extensions & bank vault, refurbishment & landscaping and proposed extension to accommodate a ground floor café.

DISCUSSION

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

The application tree survey shows 6x Sycamore trees (T1-T5 & T7) and 1x Ash (T6), 1x Cherry Plum (T8) & 1x Elder (T9).

Four Sycamore trees (T1-T4) are classified as moderate-quality Retention Category B trees. Three trees – One Sycamore (T5), one Cherry Plum (T8) and one Elder (T9) – are classified as low-quality Retention Category C trees. And two trees – One Ash (T6) and one Sycamore (T7) – are classified as poor-quality Retention Category U trees. The trees are located around the perimeter to the south-west and south of the site. Four trees (T1-T4) are growing on the adjacent property.

The proposal is to remove four trees – T5 (Sycamore), T6 (Ash), T7 (Sycamore), and T9 (Elder) – as part of the development.

The remaining trees are proposed to be retained and protected as part of the scheme.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend attaching the following conditions to any planning permission:

- Prior to and during construction, the applicant should implement in full the recommendations in Section 5 of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Ref. No.1587-AIA-V1-A) to provide adequate protection for the retained trees. Alterations and amendments to this should be agreed in writing by the LPA.