

# ***ARBORICULTURAL REPORT***

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

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**Reference:** 4/23/2249/0F1

**Location:** LAND AT HODBARROW NATURE RESERVE, MILLOM.

**Officer:** Christie M Burns

**Date:** 20 October 2023

## **CONSULTANTS REPORT**

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

Erection of welcome building with café, retail space, staff facilities and car park, installation of air source heat pumps, repair and stabilisation works and installation of suspended periscope mirrors at Hodbarrow Beacon, repair and stabilisation works and installation of camera obscura structure at Towsey Hole Windmill, installation of cladding and new living roof to existing bird hide, erection of new bird hides and viewing platforms, creation of new multi-use pathways with signage, gateway features and street furniture, making good of existing byway (BOAT) along sea wall, enhancement of wildlife habitats, and associated access, landscaping and drainage infrastructure.

### DISCUSSION

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

The applicant has not submitted an Arboricultural Impact Assessment. However, the trees across the site are generally early-mature, self-seeded, scrub that can be replaced within a few years. Therefore, we feel an Arboricultural Impact Assessment will not provide a great deal of further useful information.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend attaching the following condition to any planning permission:

- The submission of an Arboricultural Method Statement prior to any construction activity on site. This should give details of necessary protection measures for the retained trees to minimise damage to the trees and prevent soil compaction, and should be agreed in writing by the LPA.