

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

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Location: LAND AT PRESTON STREET, PRESTON STREET, WHITEHAVEN

Officer: Christopher J Harrison

Date: 28 April 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

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 Proposed Landscaping Plan (Dwg. No.21340 SFW XX XX DR L 1001 Rev.P02). The plan provides a specification for the plants and trees. The applicant has also submitted a '5 Year Landscape Maintenance & Management Plan' (Doc. No.21340_SFW_R01) which specifies the future management and maintenance of the landscaping scheme.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend attaching the following conditions to any planning permission:

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- 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 construction operations. Any amendments to the Arboricultural Method Statement must be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing.
- The recommendations in the submitted Proposed Landscape Plan (Dwg. No.21340 SFW XX XX DR L 1001 Rev.P02) should be implemented in full. The landscaping must be maintained in accordance with the '5 Year Landscape Maintenance & Management Plan' (Doc. No.21340_SFW_R01) submitted with the planning application. Any amendments or alterations to the Landscaping Plan or Maintenance and Management Plan must be submitted to the Local Planning Authority and approved in writing.