

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

Reference: 4/24/2002/TPO

Location: THE PRIORY, ST BEES.

Officer: Chloe Wootton

Date: 19 January 2024

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1, G1, T2, T3 & T4	1x Ash, 2x Cherry & 2x Sycamore	Various work to trees situated within a Conservation Area.
REASON		
'T1 - Ash Tree - Remove major deadwood. G1 - Cherry Tree - Crown raise over garden wall to prevent damage to wall. T2 - Sycamore Tree - Crown raise one driveway to create approx. 5m clearance and remove major deadwood. T3 - Cherry Tree - Crown raise over main driveway to create approx. 5m clearance. T4 - Sycamore Tree - Crown raise over church roof to give approx. 2 - 2.5m clearance.'		

DISCUSSION

The trees are in the mature age category and show signs of normal vitality. The species for tree T4 is listed as a Sycamore – it is a Cherry.

From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the St Bees Conservation Area. No Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) protect these trees.

We consider the work detailed in the application reasonable to provide adequate clearance for access and to prevent the trees becoming a nuisance.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows a TPO is defensible, but given the work the applicant is proposing, we consider it is unwarranted at this time. Our assessment of group G1 indicates it does not merit a TPO.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Inform the applicant they can carry out the work in the notification or wait for the six-week determination period to lapse.

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TEMPO Assessment													
Part 1: Amenity Assessment													
a) Condition & Suitability:	5-Good = <i>Highly Suitable</i> 3-Fair/Satisfactory = <i>Suitable</i> 1-Poor = Unlikely to be <i>suitable</i> 0-Dead/dying/dangerous = <i>Unsuitable</i>	T1	G1	T2	T3	T4	b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for TPO:	5-100+ = <i>Highly Suitable</i> 4-40-100 = <i>Very suitable</i> 2-20-40 = <i>Suitable</i> 1-10-20 = <i>Just suitable</i> 0-<10 = <i>Unsuitable</i>	T1	G1	T2	T3	T4
		3	3	3	3	3			2	2	2	2	2
c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO:	5-Very large with some visibility, or prominent large trees = <i>Highly Suitable</i> 4-Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public = <i>Suitable</i> 3-Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only = <i>Suitable</i> 2-Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty = <i>Barely suitable</i> 1-Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size = <i>Unsuitable</i>	3	3	3	3	3	d) Other factors – trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify:	5-Principal components of formal arboricultural features, or veteran trees 4-Tree groups, or principal members of groups important for their cohesion 3-Trees with identifiable historic, commemorative or habitat importance 2-Trees of particularly good form, especially if rare or unusual 1-Trees with none of the above additional redeeming features (inc. those of indifferent form) -1-Trees with poor form or which are generally unsuitable for their location	4	1	4	4	4
Part 2:													

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Part 2: Expediency Assessment <i>trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:</i>						Part 3: Decision guide					
5-Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice 3-Foreseeable threat to tree 2- Perceived threat to tree 1-Precautionary only	T1	G1	T2	T33	T4	Any 0 = Do not apply TPO 1-6 = TPO indefensible 7-11 = Does not merit TPO 12-15 = TPO defensible 16+ = Definitely merits TPO	T1	G1	T2	T3	T4
	1	0	1	1	1		13	9	13	13	13