

# ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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**Reference:** 4/24/2018/TPO

**Location:** ROYAL OAK, BECKERMET.

**Officer:** Chloe Wootton

**Date:** 27 February 2024

## CONSULTANTS REPORT

### DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
Trees along Black Beck only between tarmac area of the Royal Oak Public House car park and the Beck itself (see attached map)	Sycamore	Reduce the height by 33% of trees that are rooted in the riverbank situated within a Conservation Area.
REASON		
<p>'The trees are those (and only those) that are in the river bank of the Black Beck between the tarmac area of the Royal Oak car park and the Beck itself. These are Sycamore trees and require topping and trimming for their own health and the fact that they are taking a great deal of light from the applicant's property.</p> <p>The applicant is also concerned that in the longer term the trees will present a danger to their property by falling and/or blocking the beck. (They are not a danger at present.) The work will be to reduce the trees by 1/3 (33%) of their current height undertaken by professional tree surgeon at the applicant's expense.</p> <p>The work will require access to the Royal Oak car park. The applicant has secured agreement in principle to do this at a convenient time.'</p>		

### DISCUSSION

The trees are Sycamore species and in the mature age category and show signs of normal vitality. They have previously been heavily reduced (topped).

From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the Beckermat Conservation Area. A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) does not protect the trees.

We consider the work detailed in the application reasonable to prevent the trees becoming a nuisance.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows a TPO is indefensible due to their condition and life expectancy.

### 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					
<b>Part 1: Amenity Assessment</b>					
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>	Trees 1	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>	Trees 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	d) Other factors – trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to qualify:
Part 2: Expediency Assessment trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:			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	Trees 0		Any 0 = <i>Do not apply TPO</i> 1-6 = <i>TPO indefensible</i> 7-11 = <i>Does not merit TPO</i> 12-15 = <i>TPO defensible</i> 16+ = <i>Definitely merits TPO</i>	Trees 5