

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

Reference: 4/24/2042/TPO

Location: LAND ADJACENT TO FURNACE HOUSE, FURNACE COURT,
LECONFIELD STREET, CLEATOR MOOR.

Officer: Chloe Wootton

Date: 27 February 2024

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
1-16	16x Ash	Fell 16 trees that are protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
REASON		
<p>'The following Trees have been assessed by Cumberland Council's Arborist Team and assessed as follows:</p> <p>1. Ash, Poor Dangerous as it is dead. 2. Ash, Fair. 3. Ash, Poor Dangerous as it is dead. 4. Ash, Poor Dangerous as it is dead. 5. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Removal Recommended. 6. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Removal Recommended. 7. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Removal Recommended. 8. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Remove Group of 4 Recommended. 9. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Removal Recommended. 10. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Removal Recommended. 11. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Removal Recommended. 12. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Removal Recommended. 13. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Removal Recommended. 14. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Removal Recommended. 15. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Removal Recommended. 16. Ash, Poor. Ash dieback. Removal Recommended.'</p>		

DISCUSSION

The 16 Ash trees are in the early-mature and mature age class and show signs of declining health due to Ash Dieback disease. The current guidance for identifying and managing Ash Dieback disease can be found at the following website [Ash dieback \(Hymenoscyphus fraxineus\) - Forest Research](#).

The trees are growing within an unmanaged, enclosed area of private land to the north-east of Leconfield Street, Cleator Moor.

From the Cumberland Council website, Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.50:1992 protects trees in this area. We have not seen the TPO documentation so cannot determine the type of protection (Woodland, Area or Group).

Our TEMPO assessment (page 3) shows a TPO is indefensible for these trees.

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The removal of these trees will have an impact on the tree-lined nature of Leconfield Street. Therefore, we recommend attaching a condition requiring the planting of replacement trees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Inform the applicant they may require consent from the owner of the trees prior to carrying out the work.

We recommend informing the applicant they can carry out the work detailed in the application.

Subject to the following condition:

1. The 16 felled trees are to be replaced during the first planting season following the work. Plant 4x Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*), 4x Holly (*Ilex aquifolium*), 4x Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*), and 4x Hazel (*Corylus avellana*) trees, 100-125cm height 'whip', within 1m of the felled trees they replace. Alternatively, another size, species, location, or period should be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. If a replacement tree is diseased, dies, or is damaged within 5 years of the date of planting, it must be replaced in the next available planting season by another of a similar size and species.

Reason: To ensure the continuity of amenity in accordance with 'Policy DM28 – Protection of Trees' of the Copeland Local Plan 2013-2028

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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>	1-16		b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for	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>	1-16	
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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>	4		d) Other factors – trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to	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	0	
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	1-16		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>	1-16			
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