

# ***ARBORICULTURAL REPORT***

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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**Reference:** 4/24/2158/TPO

**Location:** LAND TO THE REAR OF 32 SCOTCH STREET, WHITEHAVEN.

**Officer:** Demi Crawford

**Date:** 13 June 2024

## **CONSULTANTS REPORT**

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL**

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>PROPOSED WORKS</b>
1x Cherry	Removal of a cherry tree situated in a Conservation Area.
<b>REASON</b>	
'A flowering Cherry tree to the rear of the property has branches which have grown hard against the high garden boundary wall and which have now dislodged the upper levels of brickwork (see photo provided). We have contacted a local tree surgeon – John Clements – with a view to having offending branches removed. However he agrees that the branches will grow back in a few years and create the same issue again. The preferred solution will be to remove the tree completely.'	

### **DISCUSSION**

We were not able to access the tree to inspect the damage to the boundary wall. However, the photo clearly shows the damage to the wall.

From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the Whitehaven Town Centre Conservation Area. And a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) does not protect the tree.

We consider the work detailed in the application reasonable to prevent the tree causing further damage to the wall.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows the tree 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>	Tree	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>	Tree
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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>	2	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	1
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		Tree	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>		Tree
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