

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/24/2189/TPO

Location: LAND TO THE REAR OF 6 FOXHOUSES ROAD, WHITEHAVEN.

Officer: Demi Crawford


Date: 13 June 2024

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

TREE ID NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1	1x Ash	Felling of an Ash tree situated within a Conservation Area.
REASON		
'T1 – Ash – Fell due to Ash Dieback as advised by Highways assessment. Replanting not advised due to close proximity to road and bad access for future maintenance.'		

DISCUSSION

	<p>We visually inspected the large, mature Ash tree.</p> <p>The tree does not currently show signs of Ash Dieback Disease. Further information on Ash Dieback Disease can be found at Tree-Council-Ash-dieback-tree-owners-guide-FINAL.pdf (treecouncil.org.uk).</p> <p>From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the Whitehaven Corkickle Conservation Area. And a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) does not protect the tree.</p>
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The tree does not currently show the classic symptoms of Ash Dieback Disease. As the Cumberland Council Highways Department letter is dated 04 March 2024, an assessment may have been carried out during the winter months, when it is more difficult to determine if the tree is suffering from the disease. We expect the tree may suffer from the disease in the coming years, consequently we cannot justify protecting it with a TPO.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 3) shows this tree does not merit a TPO.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Inform the applicant the tree is not currently suffering from Ash Dieback Disease, and they may want to ask Cumberland Council Highways Department to carry out a second assessment while the leaves are on the tree. They may want to retain the tree.

However, if they prefer to remove the tree they are okay to carry out the work in the notification.

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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	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
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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 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	T1	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>		T1	
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