

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

Reference: 4/24/2244/TPO

Location: JOHNSON HOUSE, HILLCREST AVENUE, WHITEHAVEN.

Officer: Demi Crawford


Date: 02 August 2024

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1-T4	2x Ash & 2x Willow	Fell and crown trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
REASON		
<p>'T1, Ash, Fell due to advanced Ash dieback with large diameter deadwood in the crown posing a hazard to residents and neighbours.</p> <p>T2, Ash, Fell due to advanced Ash dieback.</p> <p>Propose no replacement for T1 & T2 as new trees have already been planted nearby.</p> <p>T3, Willow, Fell due to co dominant form with heavy lean over neighbouring property and decay at base with Honey Fungus rhizomes present. Propose not to replace due to proximity and size of T4.</p> <p>T4, Willow, Crown lift to give 2.5m clearance for grounds maintenance and 3m crown reduction due to multi stem form to reduce the risk of failure and maintain at a size suitable for its situation due to proximity to neighbouring properties.'</p>		


DISCUSSION

	<p>T1 & T2 – 2x Ash</p> <p>Both mature Ash trees are in the 'severe decline' health class.</p> <p>The trees are growing within the garden area.</p>
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	<p>T3 & T4 – 2x Willow</p> <p>The Willow trees are in the mature age class and currently show signs of normal health.</p> <p>The trees are growing along the property boundary and the crowns are close to or overhang the adjacent gardens.</p>
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From the Cumberland Council website, Tree Preservation Order 20 (1984) protects the trees on this site. The website does not indicate if the trees are protected as part of a Group, Area or Woodland Order.

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

Our TEMPO assessment (below) shows a TPO is either indefensible, or for tree T4 the tree does not merit TPO.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend informing the applicant they can carry out the work detailed in the application subject to the following condition.

We recommend attaching the following conditions:

1. Carry out all pruning work in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations section 7.7 'Crown reduction and reshaping'.

Reason: In accordance with Section 198 of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and in the interest of good arboricultural practice.

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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	T2	T3	T4	b) Retention spar (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	T2	T3	T4
		0	0	1	3			0	0	1	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	2	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	0	0	0	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	T2	T3	T4	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	T2	T3	T4		
	0	0	0	0		3	3	4	8		