

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/24/2301/TPO

Location: ST BEES SCHOOL, ST BEES.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 27 September 2024

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NOS.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1-T5	3x Cherry, 1x Spruce & 1x Ash	Various works to five trees within a Conservation Area.
REASON		
<p>'T1, Wild Cherry, tree almost dead and dead wood overhanging road and pavement, Fell.</p> <p>T2, Spruce, too close to listed buildings, branches overhanging roofs and needles have blocked gutters causing water ingress to buildings, Fell.</p> <p>T3, Ash, early stages of Ash dieback, Fell.</p> <p>T4, Wild Cherry, extensive decay (brown rot) on main stem, tree heavy leaning over road, Fell.</p> <p>T5, Wild Cherry, low hanging branches over road with damage from vehicle collisions, remove lower branches to provide 5.2m clearance in accordance with section 154 of the Highways Act 1980, this will mean removing a branch in excess of 100mm diameter so not in accordance with BS3998:2010, also reduce length of lateral branches across road with cuts not exceeding 50mm.</p> <p>The owners have received notification from Cumberland council tree officer Emma Chapman to deal with T1, T3 and T5 on 28th Feb 2024 ref RRNP2-9. Although T3 is not in a hazardous state it would be prudent to deal with it while traffic management is in place for other work to prevent unnecessary extra costs to the owners as the tree will inevitably decline over the coming years.'</p>		

DISCUSSION

The five trees are in the mature age category and overhang the road or building, as described.

From the Cumberland Council website, the property falls within the St Bees Conservation Area.

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

Inform the applicant the Council does not object to the work detailed in the notification or wait for the six-week determination period to lapse.