

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/24/2321/TPO

Location: LAND TO REAR OF 112 QUEEN STREET, WHITEHAVEN.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 11 November 2024

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
1x Hawthorn	Cut back canopy and top a Hawthorn tree situated within a Conservation Area.
REASON	
'The tree in question is a Hawthorn tree that is as high as the second floor of the flats. The trunk is approximately 1.5m away from the back wall of flats 112 and 112a, the canopy has therefore spread to the extent that is blocking light and applying pressure to the windows. It is suggested that the canopy is cut back and the tree topped to an acceptable and manageable height. The tree is located in a courtyard behind the flats, it cannot be seen from the road, but it does spread above garages located in an adjacent courtyard.'	

DISCUSSION

The tree is in the mature age category and show signs of normal vitality.

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

We consider the work detailed in the application is reasonable to prevent the tree from becoming a nuisance.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows this 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	0	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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