

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Location: MILLOM SCHOOL, SALTHOUSE ROAD, MILLOM

Officer: Christie M Burns

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CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

Community leisure centre and associated parking and landscaping including formation of temporary construction compound.

DISCUSSION

Following our site visit, we have the following comment/observation to make on the proposed development.

The proposed car parking to the west of the school buildings will affect a variety of trees.

The applicant has submitted an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Ref. No. BTC2691), produced by Bowland Tree Consultancy and dated June 2024. It gives details for 23 trees, 12 tree groups, and one hedgerow.

The report illustrates the impacts of the proposed development on the Tree Impact Plan and indicates the removal of four trees (T19-T22) and one group of trees (G11). The report does not show where tree protection measures should be installed to prevent damage to retained trees.

The report suggests compensation for this tree loss through the provision of new planting with appropriate species.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend attaching the following conditions to any planning permission:

- Submit a Tree Planting Plan to include a specification for the proposed trees, along with a management plan for establishing and maintaining the trees for at least five years.
- The submission of an Arboricultural Method Statement, which must include a detailed tree protection plan showing how the retained trees will be protected during the construction operations. The Arboricultural Method Statement must be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority and be implemented in full prior to and during construction activity on site.