

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/25/2013/TPO

Location: 12 CLITHEROE DRIVE, WHITEHAVEN.

Officer: Nick Hayhurst

Date: 12 February 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1	Conifer	Felling of a conifer tree situated within a Conservation Area.
REASON		
'T1, propose to fell a none native conifer growing from Crow Park Wood with a lean of approximately 25 degrees from vertical so almost the entire crown is over the neighbouring property of 12 Clitheroe Drive caused by suppression from mature tree canopy in the wood. This growth habit is causing nuisance to the residents.'		

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 this tree.

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

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) indicates the tree does not merit a TPO due to its location and form.

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>	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>	3	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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