

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

Reference: 4/25/2036/TPO

Location: LINNET MOSS, RHEDA PARK, FRIZINGTON.

Officer: Nick Hayhurst

Date: 10 April 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
G1 & G2	2x Ash	Felling of two Ash trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
REASON		
Ash (G1) Fell due to Ash die back. Ash (G2) Fell due to Ash die back.		

DISCUSSION

The trees are in the mature age class and show signs of declining health.

From the Cumberland Council website, Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.13:1952 protects these trees. The website does not say if the trees are protected as part of a Group, Area or Woodland Order.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows 'Do not apply TPO' to these trees.

Given the declining health of these trees, we consider this work acceptable to minimise the likelihood of failure causing harm or damage.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

We recommend attaching the following conditions:

1. The two felled trees are to be replaced during the first planting season following the work. Plant 2x Birch (*Betula* species) trees, 6-8cm girth and 'light-standard', within 2m of the felled trees they replace. Alternatively, another size, species, location, or period should be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. If a replacement tree is diseased, dies, or is damaged within 5 years of the date of planting, it must be replaced in the next available planting season by another of a similar size and species.

Reason: To ensure the continuity of amenity in accordance with 'Policy DM28 – Protection of Trees' of the Copeland Local Plan 2013-2028

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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>	G1	G2	b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for	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>	G1	G2
		1	1			1	1
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	2	d) Other factors – trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to	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
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	G1	G2	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>			G1	G2
	0	0				4	4