

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

Reference: 4/25/2062/TPO

Location: ALBANY HOUSE, 13 BECK RISE, BECKERMET.

Officer: Nick Hayhurst

Date: 10 April 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
1x Sycamore	20-30% reduction of a mature <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i> (Sycamore) tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
REASON	
<p>There is a mature <i>acer pseudoplatanus</i> (sycamore) located in the back garden of Mr and Mrs Metcalfs property (54°26'46.1"N 3°31'10.6"W). As their property is within approx 10-8 meters of the tree in question, they have raised concerns that due to the recent stormy weather we have had, branches have been falling and generally the canopy spread has grown larger since the last reduction. As a result they have asked us to apply for tree work to be done, similar to that carried out previously; we estimate that to be about a 20-30% reduction as it currently stands.</p> <p>We have suggested a reduction of about 20-30%, taking limbs back to pruning cuts that were agreed and accepted by yourselves previously.</p>	

DISCUSSION

The Sycamore tree is in the mature age class and show signs of normal health.

From the Cumberland Council website, Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.64:1998 protects this tree. The website does not say if the tree is protected as part of a Group, Area or Woodland Order.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 3) shows a TPO is defensible for this tree.

Given the health, age and size of the tree, we expect the proposed work will not significantly impact the local or wider amenity of the area. We consider this work will not have a detrimental impact on the wider landscape; therefore, we consider the proposed work is acceptable.

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. Carry out all pruning work in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations section 7.7 'Crown reduction and reshaping'.

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Reason: In accordance with Section 198 of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and in the interest of good arboricultural practice.

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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	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>	4	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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