

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/25/2127/TPO

Location: WOODSIDE, RHEDA PARK, FRIZINGTON

Officer: Nick Hayhurst

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DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
1, 2, 3 & 4	4x Ash	T1, T2, T3 & T4. Ash trees with advanced Ash Dieback. Trees regularly shedding branches into neighbouring property to the rear, propose felling the trees and not replacing as replacement trees are already growing adjacent to the Ash trees.

DISCUSSION

The four ash trees are in the mature age class and show signs of Ash Dieback disease (<https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/fthr/pest-and-disease-resources/ash-dieback-hymenoscyphus-fraxineus/>). We expect these four trees will last for less than 10 years.

The trees overhang the neighbouring property and branch, or trunk failure could cause damage or harm.

From the Cumberland website, Tree Preservation Order TPO 13 (1952) protects these trees.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows a TPO is indefensible due to the poor health and reduced life expectancy of these trees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Inform the applicant they can carry out the work in the application.

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a) Condition & Suitability:	Part 1: Amenity Assessment											
	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	T2	T3	T4	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	T2	T3	T4	
		1	1	1	1			1	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	2	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	0	0	0	0	
Part 2: Expediency Assessment trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:		T1	T2	T3	T4	Part 3: Decision guide		T1	T2	T3	T4	
5-Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice 3-Foreseeable threat to tree 2- Perceived threat to tree 1-Precautionary only		0	0	0	0	Any 0 = Do not apply TPO 1-6 = TPO indefensible 7-11 = Does not merit TPO 12-15 = TPO defensible 16+ = Definitely merits TPO		4	4	4	4	

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