

# ***ARBORICULTURAL REPORT***

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

**Reference:** 4/25/2161/TPO

**Location:** 1 FLEATHAM GARDENS, HIGH HOUSE ROAD, ST BEES.

**Officer:** Nick Hayhurst

**Date:** 27 June 2025

## **CONSULTANTS REPORT**

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL**

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>PROPOSED WORKS</b>
1x Lime tree.	Crown raising of 2.5m and lateral reduction of 1m of lime tree situated in a Conservation Area
<b>REASON</b>	
<i>'Lime tree No1 (self numbered) as indicated on drawing at western boundary of 1 Fleatham Gardens (not subject to TPO therefore no unique identifier). Request to perform crown raising of 2.5m and lateral reduction of 1m as advised by Bruce Hatton, Arborist, to afford amenity to the garden of 1 fleatham gardens and to that of neighbouring properties. Tree significantly overhangs the garden and maintenance of the garden is hampered by the tree. Neighbours have cited the tree as being dominant and imposing, and impacting light into their garden since the tree has grown in recent years.'</i>	

### **DISCUSSION**

The tree is in the early-mature age category and show signs of moderate to normal vitality.

From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the St Bees Conservation Area. The website indicates a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) might protect this tree. Check the Council's copy of the TPO document to clarify if it is protected.

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

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows a TPO is defensible, but given the work the applicant is proposing, we consider it is unwarranted at this time.

### **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>	5	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>	4
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	2
Part 2: Expediency Assessment <i>trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:</i>			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	1		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>	15	