

# ***ARBORICULTURAL REPORT***

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

**Reference:** 4/25/2191/TPO

**Location:** THISTLEDOME, 4 FLOSH MEADOWS, CLEATOR.

**Officer:** Christie M Burns

**Date:** 27 June 2025

## **CONSULTANTS REPORT**

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL**

<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>PROPOSED WORKS</b>
1x Ash	Prune and remove dead wood from ash tree protected by Tree Preservation Order including reduction in crown and specific limbs/branches showing signs of ash die back disease
<b>REASON</b>	
<p>'Marked T5 Ash tree on First Schedule TPO and attached sketch plan.</p> <p>Tree surgeon identified signs of Ash dieback, including dead branches and significant reduction of canopy leaves, which has been deteriorating over the last few years since he previously assessed it (Approx only 40-50% crown in leaf as of June 2025).</p> <p>His professional advice is to prune and remove the dead wood, reducing the crown and any specific limbs/branches showing marked signs of the disease, to manage the safety risk while allowing the tree to continue providing benefits to the landscape, wildlife and nature.'</p>	

### **DISCUSSION**

The Ash tree is in the mature age class and show signs of declining health.

From the Cumberland Council website, Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.25:1971 protects this tree. The website appears to show the tree is protected as an individual within the Order.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 3) shows the tree does not merit TPO. This is due to it's declining health.

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 that removing deadwood is an exemption under the TPO regulations and that they can carry out the pruning work in the application subject to the following condition.

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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’.

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 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>	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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