

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/25/2226/TPO

Location: QUAY STREET SOUTH CAR PARK, QUAY STREET,
WHITEHAVEN.

Officer: Christie M Burns

Date: 21 July 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
2x Conifer (Corsican Pine)	Removal of two conifer trees situated within a Conservation Area.
REASON	
<i>'Due to the height + width of these 2 conifer trees they are encroaching onto adjacent properties (flats). Also, the roots are protruding from the floor + have disrupted the stone flags causing a trip hazard.</i> <i>We would prefer, if possible, to remove these trees. However, we have had a quote from a local tree surgeon to crown + lift both trees + landscape under.'</i>	

DISCUSSION

The trees are in the mature age category and show signs of normal vitality.

From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the Whitehaven Town Centre Conservation Area. The website indicates a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) does not protect these trees.

We consider the crown lift pruning work shown in the supporting photograph submitted with the application and re-landscaping over the roots reasonable to prevent the tree being 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 pruning work detailed the notification and supporting photograph 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>	3	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>	2
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	4
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		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>		13