

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

Reference: 4/25/2228/TPO

Location: MELSUNGEN, RHEDA PARK, FRIZINGTON

Officer: Christie M Burns

Date: 21 July 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1	1x Oak	Pruning of branch off oak tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
<i>'T1. Oak. Lateral branch has split leaving part of the branch supported on the floor and a large tear out wound closer to the union. Propose pruning off the branch to make safe.'</i>		

DISCUSSION

The Oak tree is in the mature age class and show signs of normal vitality. We expect the tree will last for more than 20 years.

The tree overhangs the property and house. Further branch failure could cause damage or harm.

From the Cumberland website, Tree Preservation Order TPO 13 (1952) protects this tree.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows a TPO is defensible. Providing the work is carried out following the British Standard (BS3998:2010) and in accordance with current best practice we consider the 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 the pruning work in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations.

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					
a) Condition & Suitability:	Part 1: Amenity Assessment				
	5-Good = Highly Suitable 3-Fair/Satisfactory = Suitable 1-Poor = Unlikely to be suitable 0-Dead/dying/dangerous = Unsuitable	T1 3	b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for TPO:	5-100+ = Highly Suitable 4-40-100 = Very suitable 2-20-40 = Suitable 1-10-20 = Just suitable 0-<10 = Unsuitable	T1 4
c) Relative public visibility & suitability for TPO:	5-Very large with some visibility, or prominent large trees = Highly Suitable 4-Large trees, or medium trees clearly visible to the public = Suitable 3-Medium trees, or large trees with limited view only = Suitable 2-Young, small, or medium/large trees visible only with difficulty = Barely suitable 1-Trees not visible to the public, regardless of size = Unsuitable	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	1
Part 2: Expediency Assessment trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:		T1	Part 3: Decision guide		T1
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 = Do not apply TPO 1-6 = TPO indefensible 7-11 = Does not merit TPO 12-15 = TPO defensible 16+ = Definitely merits TPO		12