

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/25/2263/TPO

Location: HILLCREST, INKERMANS TERRACE, WHITEHAVEN

Officer: Christie M Burns

Date: 24 September 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS	REASON
T01	1x Goat Willow	Removal of tree (T1) situated within a Conservation Area.	'T01: Salix caprea (Goat Willow) Mature specimen of around 10m height previously pruned on several occasions. remove due to growth from wall sides area and damage to pathway. Multiple unions at height of coppard represents likely point of failure due to breakability of species and specimen size.'

DISCUSSION

The Goat Willow tree is in the mature age class and growing close to the property boundary. The wide-spreading crown overhangs the property and the neighbour's property.

From the Cumberland website, the site is within the Whitehaven Corkickle Conservation Area.

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

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows the tree does not merit a TPO.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

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TEMPO Assessment					
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	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>	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		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		9