

# ***ARBORICULTURAL REPORT***

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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**Reference:** 4/25/2264/TPO

**Location:** MECHLIN, INKERMANN TERRACE, WHITEHAVEN

**Officer:** Christie M Burns

**Date:** 24 September 2025

## **CONSULTANTS REPORT**

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL**

<b>APPLICATION TREE NO.</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>PROPOSED WORKS</b>	<b>REASON</b>
T01 & T02	1x Thuja occidentalis & 1x Fagus sylvatica 'purpurea'	Removal of tree (T1) and 30% crown reduction to tree (T2) situated within a Conservation Area.	'T01: Thuja occidentalis of poor health with 50% crown mortality is of declining condition, this specimen also negatively impacts for form of an adjacent healthy mature specimen of Mahonia x intermedia. Removal of the Thuja occidentalis is recommended to improve Mahonia. T02: Fagus sylvatica 'purpurea' growing adjacent to building currently overhangs house roof line despite still being small proportional to potential terminal size. Evidence of previous pruning wounds indicates specimen has been reduced before. Recommendation of 30% crown reduction.'

### **DISCUSSION**

The trees are in the mature age class and growing near the property boundaries. The crown of the Beech tree overhangs the neighbouring 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 trees from becoming a nuisance.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows the trees do 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 = <i>Unlikely to be suitable</i> 0-Dead/dying/dangerous = <i>Unsuitable</i>	T1 3	T2 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>	T1 2	T2 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>	2	2	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	1
Part 2: Expediency Assessment trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:		T1	T2	Part 3: Decision guide		T1	T2
5-Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice 3-Foreseeable threat to tree 2- Perceived threat to tree 1-Precautionary only		0	0	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>		8	8