

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/25/2306/TPO

Location: CROW PARK WOOD, LOOP ROAD, WHITEHAVEN

Officer: Christie M Burns

Date: 24 September 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS	REASON
T14 – T17	2x Ash & 2x Sycamore	Felling of four trees (two Ash and two Sycamore) to allow native trees to be planted situated within a Conservation Area.	'The trees are part of Crow Park Wood. Where significant groups are to be felled. The gaps created will be replanted with native trees and shrubs, as per management plan. <u>Tree work proposed</u> (note that this is in addition to works for trees T1-T13 already applied for and granted consent, which has not yet been carried out) T14 Ash 65cm DBH. Tree has ash dieback, close to houses – fell T15 Ash 75cm DBH. Tree has ash dieback, close to houses – fell T16 Sycamore 55cm DBH. Tree is in poor health, and close to similar trees that are also in poor health, and some are windblown. Fell T17 Sycamore 60cm DBH. Tree will starting to show poor health, will be exposed when others in the area are fell, is very close to railway tunnel air shaft that has recently been hit by a windblown sycamore. Fell.'

DISCUSSION

The trees are in the mature age class and growing near the woodland boundaries.

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

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

Our TEMPO assessment (page 3) shows a TPO is indefensible for these four trees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

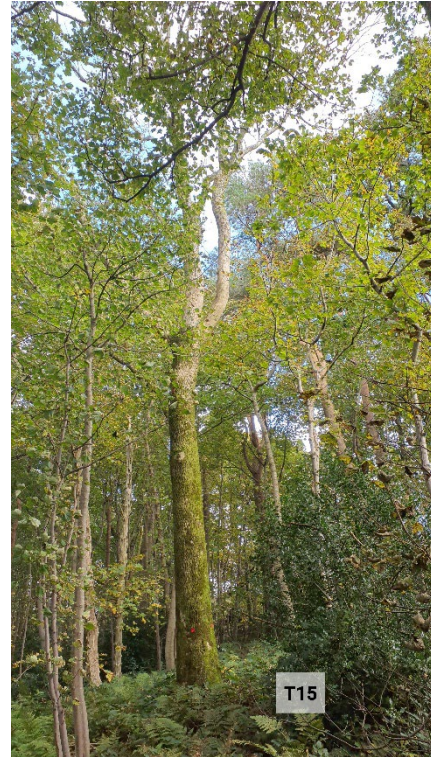
Inform the applicant they can carry out the work in the application.

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PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE TREES



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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>	T14 1	T15 1	T16 1	T17 1	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>	T14 1	T15 1	T16 1	T17 1
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	3	3	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	0	0	0	0
Part 2: Expediency Assessment trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:		T14	T15	T16	T17	Part 3: Decision guide		T14	T15	T16	T17
5-Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice 3-Foreseeable threat to tree 2- Perceived threat to tree 1-Precautionary only		0	0	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>		5	5	5	5