

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/25/2329/TPO

Location: 23 MAIN STREET, ST BEES

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 15 October 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS	REASON
T1	1x Ash	Pruning of branches and 30% crown reduction of ash tree (t1) situated within a Conservation Area.	'T1, Ash. The Ash tree located in the rear garden of 23 Main Street, St Bees has Ash Dieback with the crown spread across the properties of 8 and 10 The Crofts. The proposal is to prune the lateral branches back within the boundary of 23 Main Street and reduce the height by 30%. It will not be possible to adhere to BS3998 but we will retain as much live crown as possible and remove the Ivy to allow for regeneration from dormant buds as the owner does not want the tree removed at this time.'

DISCUSSION

	The Ash tree is in the mature age class and shows signs of Ash Dieback Disease (AshDieback-GuidanceNote-web.pdf) From the Cumberland website, the site is within the St Bees Conservation Area. We consider the work detailed in the application reasonable to prevent a tree failure causing a damage or harm. Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows a TPO is indefensible.
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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 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>	T1 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	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
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 = <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