

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

Reference: 4/25/2340/TPO

Location: WOODLAND VIEW, 4 FLEATHAM GARDENS, HIGH HOUSE ROAD, ST BEES.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 18 November 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

| APPLICATION TREE NO. | SPECIES | PROPOSED WORKS |
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| T1 | 1x Red Oak | Crown reduction of a Red Oak tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order |
| DESCRIPTION OF WORKS | | |
| Crown reduce by shortening branches as necessary by 2m-3.5m; especially the branches back from the house, steps, and patio. Crown lift by shortening branch ends back over the tarmac driveway and car parking to give 2.5m clearance. Remove minor deadwood stub to the east above the gabion-built patio area, also shortening that branch back to a suitable growing point. Clear loose soil from the upper slope side currently burying the root collar of the tree to restore the natural soil level immediately around it. | | |

DISCUSSION

The tree is in the mature age class and show signs of moderate to normal health.

From the Cumberland Council website, Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.1:2004 (75) protects this tree. The website appears to protect the tree as an individual.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows a TPO is defensible for this tree.

Given the health, age and size of the tree, we expect the proposed work will not significantly impact the local or wider amenity of the area. We consider this work will not have a detrimental impact on the wider landscape; therefore, we consider the proposed work is acceptable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend informing the applicant they can carry out the work in the application subject to the following condition:

1. Carry out all pruning work in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations section 7.7 ‘Crown reduction and reshaping’.

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 | | | | | |
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| Part 1: Amenity Assessment | | | | | |
| a) Condition & Suitability: | 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 |
| | | 3 | | | 4 |
| 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 | 2 |
| Part 2: Expediency Assessment trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify: | | | Part 3: Decision guide | | |
| 5-Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice 3-Foreseeable threat to tree 2- Perceived threat to tree 1-Precautionary only | T1 | 2 | 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> | T1 | 14 |
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