

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

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Reference: 4/25/2343/TPO

Location: THE SPINNEY, LAMPLUGH.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 18 November 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1-T18	13x Ash, 2x Elm, 2x Beech & 1x Sycamore	Various works to 18 trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order
DESCRIPTION OF WORKS		
T1 Beech (Fagus sylvatica) prune to crown lift above garage 2.5m		
T2 Sycamore (Acer pseudoplatanus) prune to crown lift to 3.6m		
T3 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 75% mortality due to ADB, remove		
T4 Elm (Ulmus glabra) Almost fully dead, remove		
T5 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 75% mortality due to ADB, remove		
T6 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 75% mortality due to ADB, remove		
T7 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 75% mortality due to ADB, remove		
T8 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 75% mortality due to ADB, remove		
T9 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 75% mortality due to ADB, remove		
T10 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 75% mortality due to ADB, remove		
T11 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 75% mortality due to ADB, remove		
T12 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 25% AFB mortality in upper crown, prune to reduce 30%		
T13 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 75% mortality due to ADB, remove		
T14 Elm (Ulmus glabra) prune to crown lift above house 2.5m		
T15 Beech (Fagus sylvatica) crown lift to 3.6m above driveway and roadside		
T16 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 75% mortality due to ADB, remove		
T17 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) dead, remove		
T18 Ash (Fraxinus excelsior) 75% mortality due to ADB, remove		

DISCUSSION

The trees are in the mature age class and show signs of poor to normal health. Many of the Ash trees are suffering from Ash Dieback disease (ADB).

From the Cumberland Council website, Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.1:2003 (73) protects these trees. It is not clear from the website whether these trees are protected as a Group, Area or Woodland.

To mitigate the removal of 12 Ash trees, the applicant has submitted a list of replacement trees: 3 x Field Maple (Acer campestre), 3 x Red Hawthorn (Crataegus

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laevigata 'Paul's Scarlet'), 2 x Crab Apple (Malus 'Golden Hornet'), 2 x Crab Apple (Malus robusta 'Red Sentinel'), and 2 x Mountain Ash (Sorbus aucuparia).

Our TEMPO assessment (page 3) shows a TPO is defensible for the retained trees as a group.

Given the health and size of the dying Ash and dead Elm trees, we consider this work is acceptable to minimise the risk of harm or damage to property.

For the work to the other five trees, 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.

2. The twelve felled trees are to be replaced during the first planting season following the tree work. The twelve tree species are:

- 3x Field Maple (Acer campestre)
- 3x Red Hawthorn (Crataegus laevigata 'Paul's Scarlet')
- 2x Crab Apple (Malus 'Golden Hornet')
- 2x Crab Apple (Malus robusta 'Red Sentinel')
- 2x Mountain Ash (Sorbus aucuparia)

Replacement trees must be planted within 2m of the location of the felled trees, meeting a size specification of 6-8 cm girth classified as 'light-standard', in accordance with BS 3936:1992 – *Nursery Stock – Part 1: Specification for trees and shrubs*. The planting and aftercare maintenance of these trees must be carried out in accordance with BS 8545:2014 - *Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations*.

Alternatively, another size, species, location, or period should be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. If a replacement tree is diseased, dies, or is damaged within 5 years of the date of planting, it must be replaced in the next available planting season by another of a similar size and species.

Reason: To ensure the continuity of amenity in accordance with 'Policy DM28 – Protection of Trees' of the Copeland Local Plan 2013-2028

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TEMPO Assessment					
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>	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>	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>	4	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	4
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		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>		15