

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

Reference: 4/25/2351/TPO

Location: GARAGE OPPOSITE LINGMELL BUNGALOW, SEASCALE.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 18 November 2025

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
1x Sycamore	Removal of a Sycamore tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
REASON	
<p>Sycamore, close to the garage (see attached photo). During November 2023 we contacted Copeland for advice about a tree that we thought was dead and would like to remove. The council's Open Space Manager who is a qualified arborist visited the site and advised us that the tree wasn't dead but could be removed due to it being in a poor condition. He advised us to follow the tree works planning application process. He provided some further comments, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal procedure to follow for removal should be followed in this case.• Quite important that replacement tree should be seawind resistant. Possible placed at least 2 m away from garage and current tree.• Signs of honey fungus in the grass area are concerning so would possible insist of root grinding operation when tree is being felled.• Suitable replacement tree <i>Acer campestre</i> (field maple) or <i>Betula pendula</i> (birch) <p>We propose to follow the Open Space Manager's advice.</p>	

DISCUSSION

The tree is in the early-mature age class and is in the severe decline health class.

From the Cumberland Council website, Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.34:1988 protects this tree. The website does not say if the trees are protected as part of a Group, Area or Woodland Order.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 3) indicates a TPO is not applicable to this tree.

Given the health, age and size of the 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 conditions.

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We recommend attaching the following conditions:

1. Replace the felled Sycamore tree during the first planting season with 1x Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*). Plant the replacement tree within 3m to 4m of the felled tree location.

The replacement tree must be a minimum of 'light-standard' size classification (6-8 cm girth), in accordance with BS 3936:1992 – *Nursery Stock – Part 1: Specification for trees and shrubs*. The planting and aftercare maintenance of this tree 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>	0	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>	0
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>	1	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:			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	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>		1