

# ***ARBORICULTURAL REPORT***

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

Prepared by Alistair Hearn

**Reference:** 4/25/2427/TPO

**Location:** LAND TO REAR OF 15 TO 20 SCOTCH STREET, WHITEHAVEN.

**Officer:** Demi Crawford

**Date:** 06 February 2026

## **CONSULTANTS REPORT**

### **DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL**

<b>APPLICATION TREE NO.</b>	<b>SPECIES</b>	<b>PROPOSED WORKS</b>
T1	1x Birch	Crown lift and removal of epicormic growth to birch tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
<b>REASON</b>		
Carry out crown lift and removal of epicormic growth to birch tree, removing all waste from site - 15-20 Scotch Street – Rear Garden – Sketch Drawing attached along with photos. Works to take place to provide safe access and egress for occupants of the property and safe mowing operations for the contractor.		

### **DISCUSSION**

The tree is of mature age and remains in good physiological condition. Cumberland Council records confirm that Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No. 3:2010 protects the tree. The TEMPO assessment (page 2) demonstrates that the TPO is defensible. Having regard to the tree's age, size, and health, the proposed works will not cause a significant adverse impact on the tree or on the local and wider amenity. The proposed works are therefore acceptable.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

We recommend attaching the following conditions:

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					
<b>Part 1: Amenity Assessment</b>					
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
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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	1
<b>Part 2: Expediency Assessment</b> trees must have accrued 10 or more points to qualify:			<b>Part 3: Decision guide</b>		
5-Immediate threat to tree inc. s.211 Notice 3-Foreseeable threat to tree 2- Perceived threat to tree 1-Precautionary only	T1	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		
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