

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

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Reference: 4/26/2001/TPO

Location: LAND TO NORTH OF CROSS GROVE, CLEATOR.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 06 February 2026

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1	1x Sycamore	Tree works to a sycamore tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
REASON		
T1, Sycamore. Propose to reduce two lateral limbs that that overhang the pavement by 1.5m to reduce end weight as a cavity is present close to the main stem to reduce the risk of failure onto public area and reduce one limb by 2m to maintain clearance to dwelling currently under construction.		

DISCUSSION

The tree is of mature age and remains in good physiological condition. Cumberland Council records confirm that Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No. 52:1992 protects the tree. The TEMPO assessment (page 2) demonstrates that the TPO is defensible.

Given the tree's species, age, and size, we consider the proposed works will not cause a significant adverse impact on its health 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. Particularly 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					
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
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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	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	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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