

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

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Reference: 4/26/2004/TPO

Location: LAND AT NEW ROAD, WHITEHAVEN.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 06 February 2026

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

ID Nos.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T137 – T145	9x Ash Trees	Various works to trees with ash dieback within the Conservation Area.
REASON		
The amenity woodlands in the area of New Road Whitehaven have been subject to an Ash Dieback Assessment. The assessment has identified the felling and pruning of Ash trees infected with Ash Dieback. The anticipated volume of work has required the application for a Felling Licence from the Forestry Commission. This has been submitted with the reference 010/20/2026.		
Ash tree specimens T137-T145, situated to the south of the amenity woodland, are within the curtilage of the Whitehaven Town Centre Conservation Area. The section 211 notice is therefore submitted to give notice of work required in this area. The Ash dieback assessment attached to give further detail.		

DISCUSSION

Most of the Ash trees are in the early-mature to mature age class and currently in the dead to fair condition classes. Some trees have obvious signs of Ash dieback disease and reduced vitality, with dead branches/stems throughout their crowns. The health of other trees is more difficult to determine at this time of year; however, I suspect most Ash trees in this age class are likely to be suffering from or succumb to Ash Dieback over the next few years.

Cumberland Council website shows the site is within the Whitehaven Conservation Area. The TEMPO assessment (page 2) indicates a TPO is indefensible for these trees.

Given the tree species, age, size, and their location, we consider retaining them will eventually cause a nuisance or present a significant risk to road users and/or public.

The proposed works are therefore acceptable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend informing the applicant they can carry out the work in the application, subject to any felling license permission.

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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-T3	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-T3
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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	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		T1-T3	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-T3	
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