

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/26/2052/TPO

Location: 16 BECK RISE, BECKERMET.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 09 April 2026

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1	1x Sycamore	Remove Sycamore tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order and replanting with a standard Silver Birch.
REASON		
'T1, Sycamore. The tree has some large wounds from inappropriate pruning probably during the development of the site which have become infected with Polyporus Squamosus which causes white rot to heart wood and can lead to brittle fracture of the stem. Propose to dismantle due to proximity to property. Propose replanting with a standard Silver Birch for its rapid growth to replace the existing tree and lighter canopy would not cause overshadowing for neighbours and proposed new development in adjacent field.'		

DISCUSSION

From the Cumberland Council website, Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.64:1998 protects this tree. The website does not say if the tree is protected as individual or part of a group.

The supporting photographs show the presence of Polyporus squamosus and we agree with the justification for removing the tree.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 3) shows a TPO is indefensible for this tree.

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. The tree is to be replaced during the first planting season following the work. Plant 1x Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*) tree. The replacement tree size should be 'standard' (8-10cm girth) in accordance with BS 3936:1992 (Part 1 – Nursery Stock), and planted within 4m of the tree it replaces.

Alternatively, another size, species, location, or period should be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. If the replacement tree is diseased,

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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>	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>	2	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	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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