

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Location: FLORENCE ARTS CENTRE, FLORENCE MINE, EGREMONT

Officer: Christopher Harrison

Date: 10 April 2026

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

Renovation to the exterior of the building including new cladding/fenestration works, new entrance doors, windows, extension to rear, new access road/footpath, associated car parking & hard and soft landscaping.

DISCUSSION

Following our site visit, we have the following comment/observation to make on the proposed development.

The property has a variety of self-seeded trees generally growing in groups around the site.

The applicant has submitted an Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement to show the impact of the proposed development on the surrounding trees. All About Trees have produced the report and plans dated 11 March 2025. It discusses the current health and condition of the trees and the barrier fencing necessary to protect the retained trees during construction of the proposed scheme.

The report concludes that two trees (3 & 6), three groups (3, 5 & 6), parts of another three groups (2, 7 & 9), and part of a hedgerow (1) need removing to allow construction of the proposed development.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend attaching the following condition to any planning permission:

- The development must be carried out in accordance with all the details and protection measures specified within the Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Method Statement Tree Protection Plan prepared by All About Trees, dated 11 March 2025. All tree protection measures must be implemented prior to any development on the site and must remain in place until completion of the development.

Reason

To ensure that existing trees are protected in accordance with Policy DM28 of the Copeland Local Plan 2013-2028.