

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/26/2073/TPO

Location: HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, MILLOM.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 10 April 2026

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1-T3	2x Scots Pine trees & 1x Ash tree	Fell a Scots Pine tree (T1) and cut back lower limbs of Scots Pine tree (T2) and Ash tree (T3) all situated within a Conservation Area.
REASON		
<p>'Scots Pine-Fell because several boughs/branches have been snapped and blown down during stormy weather. The most recent landed across a path and came into contact with headstones. At the very top of tree there are a few branches remaining, one of which is snapped and could fall at any time in high winds – a potential risk to visitors to the churchyard.</p> <p>South Lakes Tree Surgeons & Landscapes Ltd have been consulted and pointed out that there is also damage to the tree lower down where boughs have snapped off weakening the tree leading to the decision to fell the tree. (Pine T1 option 2-Quote pictures and two pine tree pictures and a tree surgeon email).</p> <p>T2 – Scots Pine & T3 – Ash – Reduce weight on lower limbs.'</p>		

DISCUSSION

The trees are in the mature age category and T1 has evidence of storm damaged branch failures.

From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the Millom Castle Conservation Area. A Tree Preservation Order (TPO) does not protect the trees.

We consider the work detailed in the application reasonable to prevent the trees becoming a nuisance.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 2) shows a TPO is defensible, but given the work the applicant is proposing, we consider it is unwarranted at this time.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Inform the applicant they can carry out the work in the notification or wait for the six-week determination period to lapse.

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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	T2	T3	b) Retention span (in years) & suitability for	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	T2	T3
		1	3	3			2	2	2
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>	3	3	3	d) Other factors – trees must have accrued 7 or more points (with no zero score) to	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	2	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	T2	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	T2	T3		
	0	2	2		6	12	12		