



HG Landscape Co-ordinator report WMBW 003 06 08 2021

My name is Ruth Walsh currently of Home Group Ltd employed as the Landscape Co-ordinator for the North West. I have been in the landscape industry for 36 years with over 25 years' experience in the management of trees.

It is my professional opinion that the trees identified below, and on the sketch plan WMBW 001 06 08 2021 submitted, located within the Conservation area of Whitehaven town centre require urgent removal due to their current state as explained below;

1. **Sorbus sp. tree identified as T1 on plan WMBW 001 06 08 2021** – This tree is identified as a sorbus sp. and in the last 12 months has died and is in a state of decay with evidence of the fungus Ganoderma present. Due to its advanced state of decay and location I believe that this tree is unstable and poses a health and safety issue to pedestrians, vehicles and property in the surrounding area.
Permission request: Home group formally request retrospective permission to fell this tree to ground level grind out the remaining root and replace plant in the same location 1 x Betula Utilis Jacquemontii Snow Queen to provide diversity and interest within the conservation area.
2. **Sorbus sp. tree identified as T2 on plan WMBW 001 06 08 2021** – This tree is identified as a sorbus sp. and in the last 12 months has died and is in a state of decay with evidence of a cavity at the base. Due to its advanced state of decay and the cavity which can be seen at the base in addition to its lean towards property. I believe that this tree is unstable and poses a health and safety issue to pedestrians and property in the surrounding area.
Permission request: Home group formally request retrospective permission to fell this tree to ground level grind out the remaining root and replace plant in the same location 1 x Betula Utilis Jacquemontii Snow Queen to provide diversity and interest within the conservation area.
3. **Sorbus sp. tree identified as T3 on plan WMBW 001 06 08 2021** – This tree is identified as a sorbus sp. and in the last 12 months has died and is in a state of advanced decay with evidence of rot at the base of the trunk. Due to the advanced state of rot its proximity to property and a road. I believe that this tree is unstable and poses a health and safety issue to pedestrians, vehicles and property in the immediate surrounding area.
Permission request: Home group formally request retrospective permission to fell this tree to ground level grind out the remaining root and replace plant in the same location 1 x Betula Utilis Jacquemontii Snow Queen to provide diversity and interest within the conservation area.

4. **Sorbus sp. tree identified as T4 on plan WMBW 001 06 08 2021** – This tree is identified as a sorbus sp. and in the last 12 months has died. The condition of the tree is poor with evidence of decay and bark detaching from the trunk it is also leaning towards properties and I believe that this tree is unstable and poses a health and safety issue to pedestrians and property in the immediate surrounding area.

Permission request: Home group formally request retrospective permission to fell this tree to ground level grind out the remaining root and replace plant in the same location 1 x Betula Utilis Jacquemontii Snow Queen to provide diversity and interest within the conservation area.

5. **Sorbus sp. tree identified as T5 on plan WMBW 001 06 08 2021** – This tree is identified as a sorbus sp. and in the last 12 months has died and is in a state of decay with evidence of the fungus Ganoderma present. Due to its state of decay at the base of the trunk and location I believe that this tree is unstable and poses a health and safety risk to pedestrians, vehicles and property in the surrounding area.

Permission request: Home group formally request retrospective permission to fell this tree to ground level grind out the remaining root and replace plant in the same location 1 x Betula Utilis Jacquemontii Snow Queen to provide diversity and interest within the conservation area.

This report is submitted as additional information for the planning application request for retrospective works under the conservation area of Whitehaven Town centre as agreed with prior correspondence received from Copeland Borough Councils Development Control Department on 30.07.2021 at 11am. Replanted of trees will take place during the period of October 2021 to March 2022.

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