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Dear Sir/Madam

2.5 METRE CROWN REDUCTION OF A SYCAMORE TREE (T1) AND REMOVAL OF AN ASH TREE (T2) PROTECTED BY A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER - RHIWBINA, THE GROVES, WHITEHAVEN

I refer to your application of 26/06/2026 under the above Tree Preservation Order for consent to carry out the following work:-

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1 & T2	1x Sycamore & 1x Ash	2.5 metre crown reduction of a Sycamore tree (T1) and removal of an Ash tree (T2) protected by a Tree Preservation Order
REASON		
T1, Sycamore. Carry out 2.5 metre selective crown reduction to provide suitable clearance to the neighbouring dwelling and maintain the tree at a suitable size for its location. Pruning to be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010.		
T2, Ash. Tree in early stage of ash dieback, propose dismantling the tree while it is still safe to do so and avoid excess damage to the lawn that would result from felling and replacing with silver birch for similar level of shade.		

Local Planning Authority Decision

The trees are in the mature age class and show signs of normal health. Given the health, age, and size of the Sycamore tree (T1), we expect the proposed work will not significantly affect the tree's health and longevity. If the work is carried out in accordance with the British Standard (BS 3998:2010), we consider this work will not have a detrimental impact on the amenity of the tree and is therefore acceptable.

Given the health of the Ash tree (T2), we consider it acceptable to fell this tree to prevent failure causing harm or damage. Planting a new tree in the near vicinity can mitigate its loss and replace its contribution to the landscape.

I would therefore confirm that there are no objections to the proposal, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Carry out all pruning work in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations section 7.7 ‘Crown reduction and reshaping’.

Reason: In accordance with Section 198 of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and in the interest of good arboricultural practice.

2. During the first planting season following the felling of the Ash tree (T2), plant 1x Sessile Oak (*Quercus petraea*) in a similar location to the felled tree. The replacement tree must have a minimum size specification of 6-8 cm girth classified as 'standard', in accordance with BS 3936:1992 – Nursery Stock – Part 1: Specification for trees and shrubs. The planting and aftercare maintenance of this tree must be carried out in accordance with BS 8545:2014 - Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations.

Alternatively, another size, species, location, or period should be agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority. If the replacement tree is diseased, dies, or is damaged within 10 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 N14 – Woodlands, Trees and Hedgerows of the Copeland Local Plan 2021-2039

Your Right of Appeal

If you disagree with our decision you can appeal to The Planning Inspectorate, Environment and Transport Team, 3/A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN within 28 days from the date you received this decision.

Compensation

If you suffer any loss or damage as a result of a condition attached to this consent, you might be entitled to recover compensation from the Council. If you wish to make a claim you must do so within 12 months from the date of this decision (or, if you appeal to the Secretary of State, within 12 months from the date of this decision). Claims should be made in writing to the Planning Manager, Cumberland Council, The Market Hall, Market Place, Whitehaven, Cumbria, CA28 7JG.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case officer Demi Crawford on 01946 598413

Yours faithfully



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