

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Cumberland Council

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Reference: 4/26/2249/TPO

Location: 19-20 MAIN STREET, ST BEES.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 14 September 2026

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1 & T2	1x Horse Chestnut & 1x Bay Laurel	Tree works to two trees situated within a Conservation Area.
REASON		
'T1 Horse Chestnut. Clear prune from neighbouring house to give 2 metre clearance and crown lift by 1 metre to reduce shading in property and neighbouring properties. T2 Bay Laurel. carry out 1 metre crown lift to reduce shading. All pruning to adhere to BS3998:2010.'		

DISCUSSION

The trees are in the mature age category and show signs of normal vitality.

From the Cumberland Council website, the site falls within the St Bees 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) indicates the trees do not merit TPO.

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	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	T2
			3	3				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>	2	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	1	1
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	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
			0	0				8	8