SS1 - Supplementary Statement

TPO application - Johnson House, Hillcrest Avenue, Whitehaven CA28 6SU

Applicant:
Gary Blinco, 11 Woodlands Avenue, Whitehaven, Cumbria CA28 6TF.

Protected tree:
T1 is the large mature tree within the grounds of Johnson House immediately adjoining the rear boundary of 11 Woodlands Avenue. The site is covered by Tree Preservation Order No. 20 (1984). The tree is believed to be a sycamore; exact species should be confirmed on site.

Reason for works:
The tree has reached a considerable size. Its extensive crown dominates this part of the adjoining garden, substantially affects natural light, creates prolonged shading and overshadows a significant area of the property. Given its size and position immediately beside a residential boundary, the applicant considers complete removal to be reasonable and appropriate long-term management.

Primary request:
Consent to fell/remove T1 to ground level. If the Council requires replacement planting, the applicant is willing to provide one standard replacement tree of a more suitable species and ultimate size in a position agreed with the LPA and landowner.

Fallback request:
If complete removal is not supported, consent is sought for a substantial crown reduction sufficient to materially reduce the tree's overall height, lateral spread, overhang and dominance. The intention is a meaningful reduction rather than minor cosmetic pruning, with the final specification to accord with BS3998 and any dimensions required by the LPA.

Site history:
Previous approved tree-work applications at Johnson House include 4/22/2245/TPO, which permitted a 1-2 metre reduction of three sycamore trees, and 4/24/2244/TPO.

Supporting material:
Sketch plan SP1 is attached. A Beard Tree Surgery Ltd quotation for removal of one large tree (disposal included; work stated to BS3998) is available. The quotation is not presented as an arboricultural condition report. Photographs can also be supplied.