

ARBORICULTURAL REPORT

Summary Report for Copeland Borough Council

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Reference: 4/26/2183/TPO

Location: WOODSIDE, SUMMERGROVE PARK, WHITEHAVEN.

Officer: Demi Crawford

Date: 30 July 2026

CONSULTANTS REPORT

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL

APPLICATION TREE NO.	SPECIES	PROPOSED WORKS
T1 – T14	2x Elm, 3x Horse Chestnut, 2x Lime, 1x Oak, 2x Beech, 1x Sycamore, 1x Ash, 1x Hornbeam & 1x Scots Pine	Works to various trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order.
REASON		
T1 Elm, T2 Elm, T4 Horse Chestnut, T5 Lime, T6 Horse Chestnut, T7 Oak, T8 Beech and T9 Sycamore. Crown lift to give 2.5m clearance to footpath and 6m clearance to highway. T3 Ash. Remove dead limb over highway back to main stem. T10 Beech, T12 Horse Chestnut and T13 Lime. Crown lift to give 2m clearance for garden maintenance. T11 Hornbeam. Crown lift to give 2m clearance for garden maintenance and 2m crown reduction to reduce wind sail stress due to large area of decay on main stem. T14 Scots Pine. Prune out torn hanging branches high in the crown and any dead limbs encountered. All work to be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010.		

DISCUSSION

The trees are in the mature age class and show signs of normal health.

From the Cumberland Council website, Tree Preservation Order (TPO) No.11:1978 protects these trees. The website does not say if the trees are protected as part of a Group, Area or Woodland Order.

Our TEMPO assessment (page 3) shows these trees definitely merit a TPO as a group.

Given the health, age and size of the trees, we expect the proposed work will not significantly impact the local or wider amenity of the area. We consider this work will not have a detrimental impact on the wider landscape; therefore, we consider the proposed work is acceptable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend informing the applicant they can carry out the work in the application subject to the following condition.

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We recommend attaching 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.

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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>	5	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>	4
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>	4	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	4
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		1	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>		18