

Proposed New Tree Preservation Order No: 555 (2015)

Site: Shenstone, The Green, Over Kellet

Location of Trees: X2 mature sycamore, established within the rear garden of the above property.

Assessment:

I have assessed trees established within the curtilage of the above property, with regard to its suitability and the appropriateness of serving it with a Tree Preservation Order.

Background

The property is established within the village of Over Kellet, south-east of Carnforth. The village lies within a local conservation area, as such all trees with a stem diameter of 75mm or greater when measured at 1.5m above ground level are protected in law. It is a criminal offence to lop, top, fell, uproot or otherwise damage any such tree without first making a written notification to the local authority and providing a period of 6 weeks' notice prior to undertaking the intended work.

Trees/hedgerows within the site have the potential to provide habitat and foraging opportunities for wildlife. Certain habitats and species, including nesting birds and bats are subject to protection as laid out in the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010.

Trees

For the purpose of this report the trees in question has been identified as **T1**, & **T2**, two large, mature sycamore trees.

The trees are two of a number of other large trees within the property. However, **T1** & **T2** were recently subject of a section 211 tree works notification 15/0105/TCA. Both trees were identified for removal because of their shading impact upon the property.

Both trees are visible from the public domain, as skyline tree and more clearly visible through the existing spaces between neighbouring properties. Both trees make an important contribution to the character and appearance of the property and that of the wider locality and conservation area. They provide important visual greening and partial screening between neighbouring properties. Their loss would inevitably have the potential to adversely impact upon the amenity of the locality.

T1 & **T2** also provides important habitat and foraging opportunities for wildlife, including protected species, such as nesting birds and bats. Their removal would have the potential to adversely impact upon existing wildlife communities, including protected species.

The amenity value of **T1** & **T2** have been assessed using a Tree Evaluation Method for Preservation Orders (TEMPO). TEMPO Assessment Score: 15 was achieved – definitely Merits a TPO.

A TPO does not prevent maintenance from being undertaken, to include pruning works to alleviate existing conflicts with adjacent structures. It does however, mean that all works with the exception of removal of deadwood must be agreed in writing by the local authority prior to undertaking work. All work must be undertaken in compliance to BS 3998 (2010) Tree Work.

Decision: To serve Tree Preservation Order no.555 (2015) under sections 198 and 203 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, in the interests of public amenity; affecting x2 individual, mature sycamore tree.

The trees in question have important amenity value. They are potentially an important resource for wildlife.

Title	Tree preservation Order no.555 (2015), Shenstone, The Green, Over Kellet
Grounds	In the interest of public amenity and wildlife benefit
Designation	T1 & T2

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