Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Site Visit Date: 18/01/2016

Address: Victoria Mews New Road Netley Abbey, SO31 5BS

Application Number: T/15/77565

Case Officer: B Athow

Work Request/Notification:

Pollard, crown lift to 3.5m over pavement & remove epicormic growth to 2m in height to 2no. Limes trees to rear

Reason For Application:

Refer to app.

Comments:

Comments/ observations following site visit of 18/01/2016:

2 x Lime - Rear property specimens. Visible from road and adjacent properties. Trees appear healthy. Trees are not A1 form but are being managed as 'pollards'. The work request is reasonable and part of on-going management of these trees.

Decision:

Consent

Decision Comments:

Consent to-
2 x Lime(460, 462) - Repollard back to (but no further than) previous pollard points, remove basal growth and crown raise to 3.5m from ground level over the footpath.

Conditions:

Standard Time and quality

Notes to applicant:

None

Parish Comments:

At Hound PC's Planning Committee meeting held on 14 December 2015, Members resolved to concur with the Borough Arboriculturalist's advice.

Public Objection/support Support Qty: 0 Objection Qty: 0

Comment: My garden backs on to these trees. I understand the need for pollarding however feel that 3.5m over the pavement is too low. It should be done as previously which is about twice that, they will look like short stumps if they are done too low. Please take advice from a tree specialist, .
Second I am not sure exactly what Epicormic growth is , however I would not want the lower level cover removed as this forms a hedge in the summer and I would have a total loss of privacy if this is removed - as would the people in the flats behind me.

Objection Consideration:

Observation consideration -
3.5m is the distance of lifting from ground level not the reduction in height and will provide reasonable clearance over the path.
Removal of epicormic growth (basal shoots) is standard practice on Lime pollards; if not removed each stem will try to form individual trees.