Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Site Visit Date: 15/05/2015

Address: GE Aviation Kings Avenue Hamble-Le-Rice, SO31 4NF

Application Number: T/15/76233

Case Officer: B Athow

Work Request/Notification:

Crown lift to 5no. Oak trees, fell 1no. Oak tree and fell 4no. Sycamore trees along Hamble lane

Reason For Application:

Refer to app.

Comments:

Comments/ observations following site visit of 15/05/2015:

A significant line of trees, prominent and highly visible from the public realm, these trees are important for their cohesion. The Oaks appear outwardly healthy showing good bud formation and leaf break. The Sycamores are more of a mixed bag and it is difficult to assess their vitality due to late leaf break.

Decision:

Part consent / part refuse

Decision Comments:

Consent to -
1)Crown raise all trees along the fence line to 5m above ground level by removal of secondary & tertiary branches only.
2)Removal of 1 sycamore stem from group 2.
The works are reasonable and will have minimal impact to the trees value.
3) Remove tree 2 (Sycamore).
Poor specimen with little value.
Refuse -
1) Oak - Tree 1; Fell to ground level.
The tree is a significant mature specimen and appears in good health; there is no reasonable justification given for it's removal.
2) Sycamore - Group 2; Fell to ground level.
The trees, whilst not the best individual specimens are important for their cohesion and no reasonable justification has been given for their removal.

Conditions:

Standard Time and quality

Notes to applicant:

None

Parish Comments:

At the Hamble-le-Rice Council meeting on held on Monday 13th April 2015 the following was resolved: It was resolved to leave the decision to the arboriculturist with a request that the minimum amount of work is carried out on the proposed crown lifts.
The Parish Council would like to comment that the proposal to fell an Oak Tree within this application should only be approved if the specimen is dead, diseased or dangerous.

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

No correspondence relating to the application had been received at the time of inspection

Objection Consideration: