Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/16/78283	
Case Officer	Brett Athow	
Site Visit Date	11/05/2016	
Address	73 Merdon Avenue Chandler's Ford Eastleigh SO53 1GA	
Work notification/ request	Crown reduction to 1no. Beech (T4)	
Comments/ observations following site visit	1 X Beech - Mature back garden specimen good visibility from the main road and adjacent gardens. The tree appears outwardly healthy, it is bifurcated and growing on the boundary; possibly originating as 2 trees. The properties to the rear appear to be recent builds, indicating that the tree would have been substantial in size and should have been a serious consideration to anyone buying the property. The application isn't clear on the extent of the reduction and no supporting information has been provided. Given the already good shape and health of the tree I can only support a small reduction which could be used as a benchmark and framework to maintain the tree and for the future. Removing 20% of the canopy through thinning would have a limited short term benefit, but long term would see additional sporadic growth throughout the crown, create a large number of pruning wounds that could be an ingress for pest and disease leading to a reduction in the amenity this tree provides to the local area.	
Decision		
Decision comments	Consent to - 1 X Beech (T4) - Reduction of lateral branches growing north towards the rear neighbours property by up to 1m from the branch tips, pruning to suitable growth points, maintaining a natural shaped crown and keeping pruning wounds below 35mm. Refuse- 1 X Beech (T4) - 20% Crown thin.	
Conditions	Standard time and quality	
Notes to applicant	-	
Parish comments	N/a	
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection
	0	1
Objection consideration	Objection considered and the decision reflects this.	