

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/20/87750										
Case Officer	Claire Jakeman										
Site assessment Date	N/A										
Address	17 SUNNYFIELD RISE, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8FA										
Work notification/ request	1 no. Scots Pine (T1) - Crown reduction all around of 4.5 metres and crown thin by 30%.										
Comments/ observations following site visit	T1 is a large Scots Pine located in the garden of 17 Sunnyfield Rise on the boundary with no. 16. The tree has a high amenity value being visible throughout Sunnyfield Rise and also from the grounds of the public health centre and community centre on Portsmouth Road. The proposed works are extensive and would remove a large amount of photosynthetic material from the tree which would be detrimental to its health. The removal of such large amounts of material would also leave the tree low on energy to recover from the works which would cause further issues in the future. A lesser crown reduction to the laterals only of up to 3 metres would remove less material whilst also providing sufficient clearance from the surrounding properties. The crown thin has been requested to remove dead wood from the crown and allow more light into the properties. The removal of dead wood is not undertaken during crown thinning operations and these are two separate types of work. Dead wood is exempt from TPO legislation and can be removed without seeking permission from the crown. Thinning is the removal of live wood and is often a futile exercise as the tree reacts to the works by putting on more growth in the crown, thereby creating a denser crown. In the case of this Scots Pine, thinning by 30% would remove even more photosynthetic material when done alongside a crown reduction and due to the above reasons, is refused.										
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Conservation Area</th></tr> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Raise no objection</td><td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">TPO</td></tr> <tr> <td style="height: 20px;"></td><td style="height: 20px;"></td></tr> </table>	Conservation Area		Raise no objection	TPO		
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Decision notice	Refuse: 1 no. Scots Pine (T1) - Crown reduction all around of 4.5 metres and crown thin by 30%. Consent to: 1 no. Scots Pine (T1) – Crown reduction of lateral branches by up to 3 metres.										
Conditions	Standard + Cut size										
Notes to applicant	None										
Parish comments	Bursledon Parish Council would like to submit the following comment regarding this application for tree work. The tree is a large and healthy specimen which is a clearly visible feature of the area and deservedly subject to a TPO. It has, though, been the subject of some										

	poor quality work in the past which has resulted in it now being more difficult to maintain its appearance and balance. The tree is becoming dominant for the two properties concerned so some work would be timely and appropriate. However, We do not support the description in the proposal summary that 4.5m should be removed all around the crown which is far too crude in the circumstances. Interestingly this is not what is written in the application itself.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	N/A		