

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93387					
Surveyor	JM					
Site assessment Date	10/08/2022					
Address	81 HOCOMBE ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD					
Work notification/ request	1 no. ash (T1) - Fell due to ash dieback.					
Comments/ observations following site visit	This ash tree is clearly visible from several locations within the public realm. The felling of this tree would have a significant impact on the local treescape. Felling this tree in its current condition would be a premature response and may set an uncomfortable precedent. Considering its location, it would also be against the current Forestry Commission's advice on trees with suspected ash dieback. The Forestry Commission states: With the exceptions of felling for public safety or timber production, we advise a general presumption against felling living ash trees, whether infected or not. This is because there is good evidence that a small proportion will be able to tolerate <i>H. fraxineus</i> infection. There is also the possibility that a proportion of ash trees can become diseased, but then recover to good health. This ash tree is somewhat sparse for the species, but it has been in this condition for many years with little change since 2012 (Google Streetview). If ash dieback is present, then this may indicate some degree of tolerance to the disease.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
		X			Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. ash (T1) - Fell due to ash dieback.					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	Ash trees are one of the last trees to flush their leaves in the spring so it would be advised to monitor this tree in late July and early August each year. This is the optimal time to assess the vitality of ash trees with suspected ash dieback. If it declines further subsequent years, then another application can be submitted at a point when it is showing evidence of a more terminal decline.					
Parish comments	None					

Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	1
Objection/ support consideration	The public comment has been considered during the decision-making process.		