

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93399				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Site assessment Date	16/08/22				
Address	24 BARROWFIELDS CLOSE, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3HU				
Work notification/ request	Group of mixed species trees (located in St James Primary School, Moorgreen road) - Reduce overhang back to the boundary of 24 Barrowfields Close. Reduction in height of the trees by 10m.				
Comments/ observations following site visit	Trees are highly visible from the public highway. They form a green screen between the properties and the school. No statement of the applicants' reasons for the application has been included as required under Regulation 16 of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. There is very little lateral growth extending over 24. A reduction in height would be detrimental to the amenity value of trees as they could no longer be visible over the three storey houses. Works described appear to equate to 'topping' which would expose heart wood and accelerated decay of established trees, negatively impacting their longevity. BS3998 states 'topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk'. The group is mixed species and contains weak compartmentalisers, for example birch.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
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Decision notice	REFUSE: Group of mixed species trees (located in St James Primary School, Moorgreen road) - Reduction in height of the trees by 10m. Consent: Group of mixed species trees (located in St James Primary School, Moorgreen road) - Reduce overhang back to the boundary of 24 Barrowfields Close.				
Conditions	Standard				
Notes to applicant	None				
Parish comments	None				
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation		
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Objection/ support consideration	The public comments were considered during the decision making process.				

