

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93526					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Site assessment Date	24 August 2022					
Address	17 WEARDALE ROAD, CHANDLERS FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 3BG					
Work notification/ request	1 no. willow tree (T1) - Pollard to 8m to retain the tree whilst reducing its size significantly to reduce risk. Tree to be pollarded on a 4 yearly rolling maintenance plan.					
Comments/ observations following site visit	The tree is very prominent on Weardale Road, it is in proximity to the highway and has high amenity value. The tree has previously been reduced. Works described in the application is topping, the 'removal of most or all the crown of a mature tree by indiscriminately cutting through the main stems.' Pollarding should be carried out when a tree is young, as part of the formative pruning process, with the stem diameter being 25mm to 50mm in diameter. BS3998:2010 Tree Works – Recommendations states 'topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk to people and property.' The application does not provide sufficient documentation to support an increased level of risk.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. willow tree (T1) - Pollard to 8m to retain the tree whilst reducing its size significantly to reduce risk. Tree to be pollarded on a 4 yearly rolling maintenance plan. Reason: Works described is not best practice or in line with BS3998:2010 Tree Works – Recommendations, this is likely to negatively impact tree longevity CONSENT: Reduce growth by up to 4m from branch tips back to previous reduction points. Reason: To allow reasonable management of the tree within its location.					
Conditions	Standard					
Notes to applicant	Care should be taken not to cut into any knuckles that have formed.					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	3		0		0	
Objection/ support consideration	The three supporting comments have been noted. We are consenting to reduction work.					