

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93636				
Surveyor	SK				
Site assessment Date	15/09/22				
Address	13 OSBORNE QUARTERS, ROYAL VICTORIA COUNTRY PARK, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5HX				
Work notification/ request	1 no. silver birch (T1) - Reduce crown of tree by 2m to natural growth points. Crown lift by approximately 2-2.5m this will include removing 2 x limbs on SE side and 1 x limb on NW side. Prune back lateral branch overhanging house number 10 on N/E side by up to 2m to provide adequate clearance and to prevent wind loading. 1 no. silver birch (T2) - Crown lift canopy by up to 3m. This will include removing 5-6 of the small lower branches. Reduce height of crown by approximately 2m to natural growth points.				
Comments/ observations following site visit	The trees form an important element of the overall site, with residents approaching (private road) able to view both trees on the application. T1 has a larger lateral growing to the SW which would leave an unacceptably large wound though this is not cited on the application unless the cardinal points are misquoted. Reduction on birch not acceptable as specified in the BS3998. Lifting to both is acceptable, but limit wound size to 75mm to retain larger lateral noted above.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
			X		Raise no objection
Decision notice	REFUSE: <i>see note to applicant</i> 1 no. silver birch (T1) - Reduce crown of tree by 2m to natural growth points. 1 no. silver birch (T2) - Reduce height of crown by approximately 2m to natural growth points. CONSENT: 1 no. silver birch (T1) Crown lift by approximately 2-2.5m this will include removing 2 x limbs on SE side and 1 x limb on NW side. Prune back lateral branch overhanging house number 10 on N/E side by up to 2m to provide adequate clearance and to prevent wind loading. 1 no. silver birch (T2) - Crown lift canopy by up to 3m. This will include removing 5-6 of the small lower branches. Limit all cut sizes to 75mm in diameter or less on both trees.				

Conditions	Standard + limit cut size to 75mm diameter or less.		
Notes to applicant	BS3998:2010 Tree works states: <i>'Species of Betula [birch] which generally have particularly weak defences against the development of decay, should be pruned as sparingly as possible and without exposing heartwood or ripewood.'</i>		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	2	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	The two supporting comments have been taken into consideration during the decision-making process.		