

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93538				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Site assessment Date	01/09/22				
Address	Land to the north of 58 to 63 Albrook Knoll.				
Work notification/ request	Remove small diameter (less than 30cm diameter at 1.5m) trees within 10m of the property boundary. Trees larger than 30cm diameter at 1.5m to be subject to a forestry thin to create a spacing of 7m between trees retaining trees of good vitality, form, and structure.				
Comments/ observations following site visit	The trees are clearly visible from the highway and form a backdrop to the residential area. The proposed removal of the trees would equate to an area of clear felling along the northern boundary as the trees within the area specified are below 30cm diameter at 1.5m. This would have an impact on the woodland character of the area. The proposed volumes are likely to require a felling licence under Section 9(3) of Forestry Act 1967. It is acknowledged that part 4(17) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 requires consent to be granted to a protected woodland where work proposed accords with the practice of good forestry. However, in this instance the felling of trees where there is “no specific cause for concern” without a management plan or replanting would damage both the local character, alongside having a negative impact on the local ecology and see a loss in canopy cover. The clear felling to the north would create exposure to trees within residential gardens, potentially increasing risk of failure. There is also a volume of encroachment and fly-tipping to the rear of properties, and the removal of trees lends itself to invite people to increase this activity through accessibility.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
		X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: Remove small diameter (less than 30cm diameter at 1.5m) trees within 10m of the property boundary.				

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Conditions			
Notes to applicant	The volume of proposed timber would require a felling licence under Section 9(3) of Forestry Act 1967, therefore please apply for a felling licence. More information can be found at https://www.eastleigh.gov.uk/environment/tree-services/a-brief-guide-to-legislation-for-trees/felling-licences		
Parish comments	No objection, subject to the approval of the Borough Council's Tree Officer.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	1	1	0
Objection/ support consideration	The supporting and objecting comments have been considered. For the reasons stated above, the work is refused.		