

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93772					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	52 SYCAMORE AVENUE CHANDLERS FORD SO53 5RE					
Proposed work	1 no. Acer (T1)- Crown reduce by 2-3m. There is an included union on this tree therefore we are applying to relieve the weight load of the canopy. 1 no. Birch (T2)- Crown reduce by 1.5m to maintain the health of the tree.					
Assessment Date	17/10/22					
Officer comments	Both trees are situated within the rear of 52 Sycamore Avenue. They have some visibility from the front of the property and high visibility from the rear of the property, which borders local garages and parking. They both have good amenity value and offer canopy cover to the local treescape. The <i>Acer</i> is situated within a planting bed and has a fair form. It does have a clustered crown break, with a notable tight union, however this is not unusual for species. The union is responding with reaction growth, however, at the time of site visit did not have excessive 'elephants' ears,' which would indicate a structural concern. There is visible natural bracing within the canopy. The tree has an approximate spread of 12m. A reduction of up to 3m would remove 6m lateral growth and be of detriment to the amenity value of the tree, alongside allowing for ingress of pest and pathogen which would be of detriment to the longevity of the tree. A light reduction, less than the 3m proposed, consisting of small diameter twigs is unlikely to be of detriment to the long-term health of the tree and would be deemed reasonable. The applicant has requested to reduce the crown of the birch to 'maintain the health of the tree.' Any tree work exposes woody tissues that can be detrimental to the longevity of the tree. BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations clearly states, 'species of <i>Betula</i>, which generally have particularly weak defences against the development of decay, should be pruned as sparingly as possible,' therefore it is evident the justification given is not appropriate or in line with best practice. Species aside, the tree has an approximate spread of 4.5/5m. the removal of 3m lateral growth would leave poor structural framework on the tree and be detrimental to its amenity.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
			X		Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Acer (T1)- Crown reduce by 2-3m					

	1 no. Birch (T2)- Crown reduce by 1.5m CONSENT: 1 no. Acer (T1)- Crown reduce by up to 1.5m from branch tips. Cut sizes to not exceed 25mm.		
Conditions	Standard plus cut sizes.		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		