

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93875					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	10 KENILWORTH DRIVE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4PT					
Proposed work	1 no. (T1) Birch- Crown reduction to a final height of 14.9m (removing 2m from the height) with a 4m horizontal radial canopy spread to manage relationship between the tree and the dwelling.					
Assessment Date	03/11/22					
Officer comments	The tree is situated within the front of 10 Kenilworth Drive. It is adjacent to a footway and very visible from the public highway. The tree is considered to have high amenity value. The tree has previously undergone a reduction, has very little 'top', and it is noted that there is some minor degradation at the site of some pruning wounds. However, overall, the tree is in good vitality. The previous reduction has left a good structural framework whilst maintaining the trees size in location. Localised pruning and a crown lift over the highway was granted under application T/22/93347 in August 2022. 7.2.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations is clear in that it states '<i>species of Betula, which generally have weak defences against development of decay, should be pruned as sparingly as possible, and without exposing heartwood or ripewood</i>'. The proposed works would inflict further wounding on an already reduced tree, which has the potential to induce decay. It is noted in the same British Standard that decay induced by excessive pruning can impair the structural integrity of the tree. This would ultimately negatively impact tree longevity. The proposed reduction in height is likely to wound the central stem, exposing a proportion of heart/riewood, which as previously mentioned should be avoided within the birch species.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. (T1) Birch- Crown reduction to a final height of 14.9m (removing 2m from the height) with a 4m horizontal radial canopy spread					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					

Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		