

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93984				
Surveyor	SK				
Address	EDEN GROVE, LONG LANE, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8BZ				
Proposed work	3 no. Silver Birch (T1, T2, T4) - Reduce in height to 10 metres from ground level and trim laterals by 3m. These mature silver birches are on sloping ground and have grown so tall that downhill neighbours have asked for them to be reduced as they would fall into their properties (one of which is a well-used pub garden). The trees are healthy but there is some evidence of root heave on the tallest (T1). 1 no. Silver Birch (T3)- Reduce in height to 10 metres from ground level and trim laterals by 4m. 1 no. Oak (T6) (in area W1)- Remove low lateral branch (pointing SE) that has split. 1 no. Ash (T7) -Prune back by 3m with no cut exceeding 75mm.				
Assessment Date	08/1/22				
Officer comments	Eden Grove is set in a well planted woodland garden of varied species, including some plantings attributable to 'Men of the Trees'. Three birch (T1,2 &3) pose little risk. T1 does have indications of root heave and reaction growth on the compression side. The application to top the birch is not in line with good arboricultural practice: the BS3998 states: 'Species of <i>Betula</i> [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' So, the reduction in height is considered to be unwise and will put damage and potential decay points high up in the tree where they will be impossible to monitor and will require regular and ongoing maintenance.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
			X		
Decision notice	REFUSE: 4 no. Silver Birch (T1, T2, T3, T4) - Reduce in height to 10 metres from ground level CONSENT: 3 no. Silver Birch (T1, T2 and T4) trim lateral branches by up to 3m to a height of 4.5m above ground level. Limit cut size to 75mm diameter. 1 no. Silver Birch (T3)- trim lateral branches by up to 4m to a height of 4.5m above ground level. Limit cut size to 75mm diameter.				

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Conditions	Standard		
Notes to applicant	T8 oak has a dead section that can be removed under exemption. An application to fell T1 - the birch with signs of root-heave – is advised as an alternative way to ‘manage’ this tree in the light of the poor response to reductions on birch. A longer time interval could be assigned to these works to allow for planned removal. Magnolia (T9?) suggest pruning 3 x lowest laterals back to good pruning points without damage to the bark branch collar.		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		