

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/94109					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	14 BOSVILLE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4PD					
Proposed work	1 no. Birch (T1) - Fell to the ground level. Tree stem is decayed and causing other nuisance issues. 1 no. Birch (T2) - Crown reduction by 8m. Tree is touching property. 1 no. Birch (T3) - Crown reduction by 8m. Tree is touching property.					
Assessment Date	30/11/22					
Officer comments	All three birch trees are situated within the front of the property. They can be seen from the public highway and are considered to have good amenity value. T2 is touching the property, however T3 is clear. The applicant has proposed to reduce the crown by 8m. The trees are unlikely to exceed 14m, therefore works would result in a total loss of canopy. A reduction in height would be detrimental to the amenity value of trees. Works described appear to equate to 'topping' which would expose heart wood and accelerated decay of established trees, negatively impacting their longevity. BS3998 states 'topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk'. 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>'. T3 appears in good vitality. It does have some cavities in the stem, some from poor quality pruning, alongside a 'wet cavity' at approximately 1m. These cavities have been present on the tree for some time, and the tree is showing signs of reaction growth. No fruiting bodies were noted on the tree at time of inspection; however, they were noted on a stump within the front garden adjacent to the highway. Fruiting bodies have been noted by the applicant on T3 and evidence has been provided, given this combined with the multiple cavities I would not object to the tree's removal. However, given the volume of tree loss already from the front of the property a replant would be required.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Birch (T2) - Crown reduction by 8m. 1 no. Birch (T3) - Crown reduction by 8m.					

	CONSENT: 1 no. Birch (T2) - Localised crown reduction to prune tree to give a maximum of 2m from the building. Cut sizes must not exceed 25mm. 1 no. Birch (T1) - Fell		
Conditions	Standard plus replant The removal of the tree is conditional upon a replacement tree being planted: One replacement tree within the front garden of 14 Bosville is required.		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		