

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/94168					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	37 GORDON ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5AQ					
Proposed work	1 no. Silver Birch (T1) - Reduce in height by approx. 4-5m to reduce risk. 1 no. Scots Pine (T2) - Remove lowest small diameter limb on the left-hand side of the stem as you assess the tree from the house.					
Assessment Date	30/11/22					
Officer comments	The trees are in the rear of the property and are directly visible to those immediately adjacent to them. They are partly visible from the highway over the tops of the properties; therefore, they are deemed to have moderate amenity value. T1 is a silver birch. It forms part of a cohesive group, and its form lends itself to being on the edge of the group with most of the canopy to the north. The tree is in good vitality and has no visible signs of movement. A reduction in height would be detrimental to the amenity value of tree as its visibility would be limited over the property. 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>'. Therefore, proposed works are deemed unjustified. T2 forms part of the southern section of the group. The proposed removal of the lowest small diameter limb will not impact the amenity value of the tree and is unlikely to be detrimental to the long-term health of the tree.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
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Conditions	Standard					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					

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