

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/94298
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	23 OAKWOOD ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1LW Paul Richardson
Proposed work	1 no. Silver Birch (Tree A on sketch plan)- Fell and replace with suitable replacement tree such as another Silver Birch because of decay at base. 1 no. Beech (Tree B on sketch plan)- Crown lift to 5m to remove lower branches which are dipping down to head height and restricting paths in both mine and my neighbour's gardens, and crown thinned to 20% to reduce overshadowing of adjacent Hornbeam (Tree C). 1 no. Hornbeam (Tree C on sketch plan) - Crown lift to 4m and crown thin by 20% to reduce congestion arising from proximity to Tree B (Beech).
Assessment Date	11/01/23
Officer comments	The trees are positioned in the rear of the property. The birch and beech can be seen from the public highway and offer moderate amenity value. The hornbeam is currently only viewable from adjacent properties; however, I was informed this was a replacement tree for one previously removed. Tree A is situated within the centre of a model railway. It has an incredibly high crown break, however, appears in good vitality. The tree historically consisted of two stems, with the western stem having previously been removed. There is visible reaction growth within the stem of the tree. Whilst visually there is degradation at the site of stem removal, insufficient information/evidence has been supplied. As required by 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012, and given the current size of the tree, I would expect diagnostic information detailing the extent of decay within the remaining stem. The proposed replanting location is not suitable due to shading from mature trees. Tree B is a multi-stemmed beech. Its canopy is low in parts; therefore, the requested crown lift is reasonable. Tree C is a replacement for a previously felled tree. Its canopy shape is partially dictated by the adjacent beech. The requested crown lift is reasonable. The applicant is proposing both trees B and C have their canopy thinned by 20%. BS3998:2010 Tree Work recommendations is clear in that whilst thinning can be appropriate to increase light, it can increase the risk of branch failure. The trees are situated on the northern border of the

	garden; therefore, crown thinning is likely to have little impact on light levels, that coupled with species intolerance to pruning, the requested work is deemed unjustified.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	CONSENT: 1 no. Beech (Tree B on sketch plan)- Crown lift to 5m 1 no. Hornbeam (Tree C on sketch plan) - Crown lift to 4m REFUSE: 1 no. Silver Birch (Tree A on sketch plan)- Fell 1 no. Beech (Tree B on sketch plan)- crown thin to 20% 1 no. Hornbeam (Tree C on sketch plan) - Crown thin by 20%					
Conditions	Standard					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a					