

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/94527										
Surveyor	SK										
Address	56 BRITANNIA GARDENS, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2RP WSG Tree Services										
Proposed work	1 no. Aspen (T1) - Reduce canopy by approximately 2m. The resident is extremely worried as big branches keep falling into garden where children play football. Tree is in close proximity of back boundary.										
Assessment Date	07/02/23										
Officer comments	Tree is offsite to the rear of the back garden of a domestic dwelling by several metres. Not individually of any great arboricultural significance, growing in a tightly spaced belt of primarily alder and hazel that borders the length of the development and separates it from the busy Tollbar Way. Resident present at time of visit, a discussion was possible. Trees are etiolated and form a cohesive group. Allowing private management of public trees is a precedent that builds inequality into the tree management process. Works cannot be done without access to public (EBC) land. Works do not fall under Common Law rights as no overhang to property is present. The application to reduce the canopy by 2m would remove almost all of the living crown. Only a height reduction would be possible, and this would remove much of the canopy and result in heavier regrowth on a slender, stem, increasing the likelihood of failure. The trees are tall and thin, and the lower branches have already been pruned off (presumably by the owner of no 56) and some branch failures have been reported (no photographs or stubs visible from the ground) resulting in a tall, clear stem with slight ivy colonisation. The whole group would benefit from some judicious thinning to allow the canopies to widen, but topping is poor arboricultural management, not conforming to the BS3886 guidance and would bring the tree into an ongoing maintenance regime, potentially at public expense. No evidence that this tree is more likely to fail than others, and it is on the sheltered side of the group. Recommend the whole group is considered for some maintenance works as resources allow.										
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Conditions	N/A		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	No Objection subject to the usual conditions of the tree officer.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comments have been noted		