

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	NC/23/94562
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	GLEBE MEADOW LOCAL GREEN SPACE (1), CHURCH ROAD, BISHOPSTOKE
Proposed work	2 no. Holly (T1 & T2) - Crown lift over footpath to statutory height of 2.5m. Reason - Low hanging canopy over footpath 1 no. Ash (T3) - Fell to ground level. Reason - Significant Ash dieback evident. 1 no. Oak (T4) - Reduce crown by 5m & readdress crown shape. Reason - Poor past management leaving heavy weighted canopy to the south. 1 no. Group Lawson Cypress (G1)- Remove all snapped/suspended branches, Crown lift entire group to 2m above ground level, remove infected Ash tree. Reason - Extensive people damage to all trees in group, this work should deter further vandalism.
Assessment Date	23/02/23
Officer comments	The trees are all situated within a recreation ground. They are fully accessible and considered to have high amenity value. T1 and T2 are situated to the south of the site. Their canopies are fairly sparse. Whilst the trees do not currently obstruct the highways, raising to 2.5m to prevent obstruction is fair. T3 is an understory ash. It has developed with a significant lean. The tree has notable water sprouting on the tension side of the lean indicating the tree is stressed. Removal of the tree is unlikely to affect overall canopy cover or significantly negatively impact local amenity. The tree would not be suitable for a Tree Preservation Order; therefore, the notification of removal is fair. T4 forms part of a group along the northern edge of the recreation ground. The tree appears in good condition. The canopy does have a southern bias and a failed limb within the southwest of the canopy is noted. The applicant has stated this bias is a result of poor past management, however, it is evident that the canopy form has resulted from the presence of a neighbouring tree which has since failed. Other trees within this northern group are in decline, of which past management could be a contributing factor. This makes the retention of this tree

	preferable. Given the branch failure and exposure, I am of the opinion a reduction is fair for the management of the tree within its location. However, the notification is to reduce crown by 5m. I consider this to be excessive for the tree within its location. The number and diameter of cut sizes as outlined in table 1 of BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations would likely be exceeded. This would increase the potential for pest and disease induced by excessive pruning as outlined in 0.3 of the same standards. This would negatively impact tree longevity. The proposed works would also likely cause a significant decrease in the aesthetics and associated amenity of the tree. A Tree Preservation Order would be defensible. G1 is a group to the south of the skate park. It is fully accessible, with an adjacent bench. The ash tree is in fair health; however, it is small, with limited visibility due to the adjacent larger trees. The tree would not merit a TPO. A lift to the cypress is fair to make the area visible with a view to limiting damage.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Conditions	Standard					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a					