

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/94563					
Surveyor	SK					
Address	St Marys Church, Church Road, Bishopstoke, SO50 6DL					
Proposed work	1 no. Beech (T2) - Crown reduction of up to 3 meters as per the recommendation of the aerial survey. All other trees in churchyard - Remove all epicormic growth					
Assessment Date	10/02/23					
Officer comments	Trees are fully mature beech, not yet into senescence. Both have been lifted very high in past years leaving a long clear stem with multiple pruning wounds in varying stages of occlusion. There is evidence of decay at some pruning wounds, supporting the tree survey findings. A complete crown reduction of this amount will remove an unacceptable volume of the live canopy. Given that beech do not compartmentalise well, large cuts are to be avoided. There are so many historic points of likely decay that doing nothing, though preferable, is probably not the most defensible position, so a reduction in height alone is recommended as a reasonable balance between reducing the risk (height reduction will reduce the exposure and leverage on the stem base while retaining an acceptable live volume of photosynthetic material to respond. 2.5-3.0m using best possible reduction points. No problem with management of epicormic.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Beech (T2) - Crown reduction of up to 3 meters as per the recommendation of the aerial survey. CONSENT: 1 no. Beech (T2) - HEIGHT reduction of up to 3 meters to best possible reduction points. All other trees in churchyard - Remove all epicormic growth up to a height of 3.5m or crown break.					
Conditions	Standard					
Notes to applicant	Once T2 has been reduced in height, the regrowth will be less well attached. It is therefore likely that repeat reductions will be needed					

	periodically, usually between 3 and 7 years apart to maintain an acceptable level of risk.		
Parish comments			
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration			