

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/94469					
Surveyor	SK					
Address	Land adjacent to 12-18 Osborne Quarters, Netley Abbey, SO31 5HX WGS Tree Services					
Proposed work	Group of approximately 30 no. Ash - Remove due to advanced ash dieback.					
Assessment Date	10/02/23					
Officer comments	Trees are growing in a belt of many stems that form the north-western boundary of the site. The stems are mostly small diameter with a few larger ones. The presence of ash die back is impossible to determine in winter. There is some evidence it might be present, but without testing at this time of year it is not obvious which are most affected, or if this numbers 30 stems. There are clearly a few stems that are in poor condition and some dead branches, but no evidence of large-scale infection or branch shedding. the trees cited for removal are not marked up, so it is impossible to know which are intended for removal and which are to remain. The belt of trees offers useful screening and an ecology corridor that is more effective if there is a continuous strip: the removal of 30 sems could create gaps if not done carefully. Met a resident on site who expressed a desire to retain the screening. Given the lack of information there is no reasonable way to prescribe the works are done in a managed way that can be agreed in advance of the trees exhibiting the dieback. Ideally, a management plan for this belt would accompany any future application, including the phased replacement of ash trees that do exhibit ash dieback. No proposals for replanting are offered. Recommend a new submission is made in summer supported by better evidence.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	REFUSE: Group of approximately 30 no. Ash - Remove due to advanced ash dieback.					
Conditions	N/A					
Notes to applicant	Ash die back is only readily evident in mid-summer when trees are in leaf and wilted or dead sections are visible. It is impossible to consent to the					

	works as they are described without further evidence or information. Recommend that a new application is submitted once trees are in leaf and the 30 (or however many are actually present) infected ash stems are marked up so an inspector can readily identify and count those that need to be removed. As there will be a requirement to replant to maintain the landscape feature and screening for residents, submission of a simple management plan covering felling and replanting (with a list of species) for the next few years would be an expedient way of approaching this work.		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		