

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/94851					
Surveyor	SK					
Address	HOLMES LODGE, MOORHILL ROAD, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3AY					
Proposed work	3 no. Pine (T1, T3, T4) - Fell dead trees. 1 no. Sweet Chestnut (T5) - Fell and replant.					
Assessment Date	05/04/23					
Officer comments	Multiple trees have died on this site – apparently because of the installation of a drive access, soil level changes and building activity in the root protection areas. The pine trees are of etiolated form, small canopy with a slender stem: they are borderline on the slenderness ratio as described by Mattheck. The chestnut (T5) has lost its leader and has virtually no live canopy remaining there is clear evidence of significant soil level changes to 360° of its RPA which is a probable cause of its demise. They have no remaining amenity value, but some value as deadwood habitat. The trees cited are within falling distance of the A27 Moorhill Road. They cannot be retained safely in their condition, and it is foreseeable they will decrease in structural integrity as time passes. There is no reasonable option but to allow removal. Only one replant is offered: this is below the requirement of the Order and will not adequately replace the lost canopy cover of the area so one replant per felled tree will be a condition of the consent.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
	X					
Decision notice	Consent: 3 no. Pine (T1, T3, T4) - Fell. 1 no. Sweet Chestnut (T5) - Fell SUBJECT TO REPLANTING CONDITION					
Conditions	Tree felling is conditional upon one replacement tree for each one felled. Replanting of 4 no. (four) new trees within the frontage of Holmes Lodge. Trees to be selected from the following species (one will be 2-off): Minimum 1 Oak (<i>Quercus petraea</i> or <i>Q. robur</i>) Minimum 1 x Scots pine (<i>Pinus sylvestris</i>) or Austrian Pine (<i>Pinus nigra</i> var. <i>nigra</i> or Minimum 1 x sweet chestnut (<i>Castanea sativa</i>)					

	Stock to be a minimum 8/10 standard nursery stock (or 2-2.5m for a conifer), suitably staked and planted in a location close to the position of the felled ones. Each tree is to be planted into sufficient good-quality soil volume to ensure potential to thrive. Other species may be acceptable but must be agreed with the tree officer prior to purchase. Planting to take place in the first planting season (winter) after felling.		
Notes to applicant	Significant damage has been done to trees on this site by failing to adhere to the BS5837: trees in relation to demolition, design, and construction. It is strongly recommended that the advice of a suitably qualified arboriculturist is sought and adhered to before any further works are undertaken.		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		