

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95307				
Surveyor	SK				
Address	11 SEPTEMBER CLOSE, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3BE WSG Tree Services				
Proposed work	1 no. Beech (tree on rear boundary) - Crown lift by up to 4m on customer's garden. Prune laterals overhanging garden back to natural growth points up to approximately 2m.				
Assessment Date	21/06/23				
Officer comments	Large tree clearly visible behind no 11. Good clearance to properties. Work request is reasonable as the lower section of the tree is not visible from the public realm and it will improve the usability of the garden. The portion overhanging the applicant property is the only section affected, so the potential impact is lowered further. British standard 3998 states that consideration to the species characteristics and calls for caution. Some species of tree do not respond well to pruning. The British Standard for tree works 3998:2010 states: 'Species of <i>Betula</i> [birch] which have particularly weak defences against the development of decay, should be pruned as sparingly as possible and without exposing heartwood or ripe wood.' The above guidance for <i>Betula</i> should be observed for any other species or cultivars known to have similarly weak defences. Though not as weak as birch, beech is known to respond poorly to pruning. Paragraph 7.1 of the standard states the size of the pruning cuts – both individually and collectively - should be kept to the minimum required to achieve the objectives. For these reasons, the cut size is limited to 75 mm in diameter throughout. The 2m cut back above 4.0m is likely to reduce the amenity of the tree, exceed the BS cut number, size, and imbalance the tree's form. The tree is growing to the north of the property so there will be an extremely limited effect on any perceived shade or light issues. For these reasons, the cut back is refused.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent and part refuse		
			X		

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Conditions	Standard + limit cut size to 75mm diameter.		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	1
Objection/ support consideration	With regards to the public comments, a 4m crown lift is removing all branches from ground level to 4 metres above ground level. Wildlife and habitats are beyond the remit of the TPO Regulations. However, any persons carrying out works to a tree are bound by the relevant wildlife legislation.		