

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95339
Surveyor	SK
Address	TRANQUILITY BASE, 32 JASMINE ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4SZ
Proposed work	1 no. Ash (overhanging the property at the rear) - Reduce lateral limbs over garden by 3m.
Assessment Date	05/07/23
Officer comments	The ash form a green back drop to the properties to the north, visible from the road and junction opposite. They are not of significant arboricultural interest but do belong to the buffer strip between the properties and the large B&Q depot car park. Site visited a spoke with resident. Key reason for wanting cut back is to stop the mess from pigeons. The overhang is slight, and the trees has been lifted to give good clearance. The resultant canopy is small and high: there are no small diameter branch unions that the overhanging branches can reasonably be cut back to, so the resultant wounds would be unacceptably large on a tree that will have limited ability to generate energy, given its relatively small canopy. Two trees have been removed from the rear of the property in recent years – see images below. There have been multiple losses in recent years. Streetview shows the reduction in tree cover locally since 2008: (top image) and 2023 (bottom image)  

	The ash does not appear to be suffering from ash die back: the adjacent one to the west is looking sparse at the tips so the drought conditions may accelerate any decline if they do become infected. Not present at the time of inspection. Given the county is in a climate emergency, any unwarranted loss of green infrastructure is to be resisted. Pruning will reduce the canopy cover further and no reasons beyond nuisance (which can be managed another way) have been offered.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part Consent, Part refuse			
		X				
Decision notice	Refuse: T1 Ash - reduce lateral limbs over garden by 3m					
Condition	n/a					
Notes to applicant	Consider installing bird spikes on the top side of branches that birds perch on to reduce bird mess.					
Parish comments	Object as excessive pruning will reduce the aesthetic value of the tree.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	0		0		0	
Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comment has been noted.					