

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/94843
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	24 BARRINGTON CLOSE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4SH
Proposed work	1 no. twin-stemmed Alder - Remove both stems and stump and replant with a tree species more suitable for this location.
Assessment Date	07/07/23
Officer comments	The tree is situated within the front of the property. It is prominent and has very good visibility from the public highway. The tree is in good vitality, with the stems forming a uniform crown despite being historically topped. There is minor basal and stem epicormic growth present. There is a small cavity on the lower stem of the western stem, however, there is good reaction growth. The arb report suggests some historical movement, which could have been justification for the trees being topped. Whilst this may be the case, available imagery suggests that this is not within the last 10 years, therefore, sufficient reasoning to justify the removal of the trees has not been provided as the trees have clearly adapted. The applicant has stated within their application that there is no alleged damage to property, however, has submitted several photographs claiming root damage. It is noted that the photographs show damage that has been consistent (does not appear to have altered) in 10 years. There are paving slabs within the RPA that have clearly been located to provide parking. Use of this area for parking will likely have caused compaction to soil, potentially limiting rooting. It is noted that the path is created from concrete slabs, damage can occur when not used for the purpose intended, for example vehicular movement on a path. An appropriate report has not been provided to support the claim that damage has been caused by the tree. The applicant has stated that they have fears the tree might break or fall, however, Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012 states “<i>appropriate evidence describing any structural damage to property or in relation to tree health or safety, as applicable</i>”, therefore, written Arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information giving sufficient supporting evidence should have been submitted. The request to fell the tree is unjustified.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. twin-stemmed Alder - Remove both stems and stump and replant with a tree species more suitable for this location					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a					