

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95462					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	68 PARK ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1GN					
Proposed work	1 no. Silver birch - Reduce by 4m in height and remove an overhanging limb which is resting on phone lines.					
Assessment Date	20/07/23					
Officer comments	The tree is situated to the front of the property. It is adjacent the highway and has very good amenity value. The tree is overall in good health. The applicant has proposed to reduce the height of the tree by 4m. Works described appears to equate to 'topping' which would expose heart wood and accelerated decay of an established tree, negatively impacting its longevity. It would also significantly decrease any amenity value the tree has. BS3998 states <i>'topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk'</i>. 7.2.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations is clear in that it states, <i>'species of Betula, which generally have weak defences against development of decay, should be pruned as sparingly as possible, and without exposing heartwood or ripewood'</i>. The applicant has stated that they do not have a fear the tree might break or fall, therefore the proposed height deduction is unjustified. The applicant has requested to remove a limb <i>'resting on phone lines'</i>. There are no limbs resting on cables, however, several limbs have minor tertiary growth in contact with cables. Removal of an entire limb back to stem will cause a large pruning wound, and as outlined above not in line with BS3998:2012. It will also not eliminate the issue of other pendulous growth being in contact with the cable as more than one limb has minor growth in contact. A further application for a localised reduction of secondary and tertiary growth to clear line by up to 1m would not be objected to.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Silver birch - Reduce by 4m in height and remove an overhanging limb which is resting on phone lines					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	None					

Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		