

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95560				
Surveyor	SK				
Address	Land to the north of Mill Gardens West End, West End, Southampton, SO18 3AG				
Proposed work	1 no. Aspen (T14) - Pollard. 4 no. Ash (T19, T20, T21, T22) - Fell. 1 no. Oak (Tree Tag 325 in woodland) - Fell.				
Assessment Date	28/07/23				
Officer comments	T14 is a multi-stem aspen growing in a bank of retained vegetation which includes a large oak. One stem has a fracture point of a moderate size branch (still on the ground, c120mm diameter, 3m long) roughly half-way up. No stem is larger than 300cms in diameter. One stem is in contact with an adjacent property (No 10), and a third has subsided to a near-horizontal position. There is a note in the survey for T14 which states: <i>"Large multi-stem Aspen. Branch has recently failed from canopy. Pollard all Aspen's in area near this tree to a height of 10 metres. Remove low hanging tree to ground level over grass area pointing towards number 10."</i> This is insufficiently clear to allow as the definition is vague and there are no stem numbers or area given. This is to be limited. Pollarding is a short-term solution and will mean regular cyclic maintenance – advisory note added. 4 no. Ash (T19, T20, T21, T22) - Fell. Three of the ash are showing extensive symptoms of ADB, but the fourth only the top section is looking sparse, the remaining lower two thirds of the tree are looking healthy and normal for species. The Oak (not shown on plan but to the middle and north of the woodland) is dead. No replant as there is dense regeneration undergrowth and no light to establish another oak. This could be retained as a habitat pole if the owner is willing.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
			X		
Decision notice	REFUSE: Group surrounding T14: Aspen. Work recommendation reads <i>"Pollard all Aspen's in area near this tree to a height of 10 metres."</i> This is too vague (no definition to 'near this tree') so consent does not cover all aspens but does cover the 9 stems that appear to originate from the same				

	point as the stem with the failure point, and the stem that has subsided toward No10. 1 no. Ash (T22) - Fell. CONSENT: 1 no. Aspen (T14) - Pollard up to 9 stems of multi-stem tree. 3 no. Ash (T19, T20, T21) - Fell. 1 no ash (T22) Reduce in height to remove top 4m section which is showing signs of Ash Die Back; retain lower canopy which is not showing signs of Ash Die Back. 1 no. Oak (Tree Tag 325 in woodland) - Fell.		
Conditions	Standard		
Notes to applicant	Pollarding the aspens will put these in a cycle of management that may quickly become onerous. Consider removal and replanting with a more durable species. 1 no ash (T22) the lower canopy appears to have established well; the top section is looking poor. As it is desirable to try and retain trees that might have developed some resistance, and the target is low, just the affected section is consented. At least one of the ash trees (T21) has a bird box on the main stem – carry out works outside of bird-nesting season or after a survey has confirmed no active nest is present. The oak could be retained as a 4 or 5m habitat pole if the owner is willing.		
Parish comments	West End Parish Council Planning and Highways Committee met on Tuesday 1st August 2023 and discussed this application. The Committee unanimously have no objection to the proposal, subject to the Tree Officer.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comment has been considered as part of the decision-making process.		