

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95481					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	5 RANDALL ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5AJ					
Proposed work	1 no. Sweet Chestnut (T1, TPO 58-H) - Reduce height from 23m to 19m. reduce crown spread from 15m to 11m, crown raise to 8m Secondary branches only no main limbs Client likes tree but would like to manage for light into their garden and surrounding gardens. Also, to lower new regeneration and small branch drop over gardens.					
Assessment Date	08/08/23					
Officer comments	The tree is within the rear of the property and has some visibility from the public highway. It is considered to have fair amenity value. The tree appears mature and in good health. The proposed reduction, particularly in height, is likely to negatively impact the trees overall amenity value form a public space. The weight reduction described appears to equate to 'topping' which would expose heart wood and accelerated decay of an established tree, negatively impacting its longevity. BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations states <i>'topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk,'</i> therefore the proposed reduction is deemed unjustified. The proposed crown lift to 8m is deemed excessive, even when limited to secondary growth. I would not expect to see a lift of 8m over main A and trunk roads, given that 4.5m is sufficient to allow a refuse truck to pass on a residential street, this tree is within the rear of the property, with no vehicular access beneath it therefore a crown lift to up to 4m above ground level would be more appropriate.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Sweet Chestnut (T1, TPO 58-H) - Reduce height from 23m to 19m. reduce crown spread from 15m to 11m, crown raise to 8m Secondary branches only no main limbs CONSENT: 1 no. Sweet Chestnut (T1, TPO 58-H) - crown raise to a maximum of 4m above ground level. Cuts sizes not to exceed 75mm diameter.					

Conditions	Standard quality, time and cut sizes.		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a		