

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95940					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	106 KINGSWAY, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1FB Arbor Venture Tree Care					
Proposed work	1 no. Sweet Chestnut (T1) - Reduce lower branches by 1.5m - up to centre of canopy as shown in attached photo, remove deadwood. Remove deadwood as potential hazard and help promote reaction growth within canopy, reduction on lower canopy as longer and over extended branches to reduce end weight. One limb recently failed into neighbour's garden.					
Assessment Date	27/09/23					
Officer comments	The tree is situated within the rear of the property. It is a mature specimen that has some visibility from the public highway. The tree appears in fair health, with a slightly sparse canopy and some notable small diameter dieback. The applicant has proposed to reduce lower branches by up to 1.5m as indicated within photographs included with the application. 7.2.3.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations states '<i>mature and old trees generally have a reduced capacity to tolerate the potentially adverse effects of wounding</i>'. Given the trees age and current condition, the justification given is not sufficient. 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>" should be included with the application, therefore, where the applicant believes there is an increased risk of branch failure, written arboricultural advice giving sufficient supporting evidence should have been submitted. It should be noted that within the application the applicant has stated that they <i>do not</i> have fears the tree might break or fall, therefore the request is deemed unjustified. Under Regulation 14(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012 dead wood is exempt from the need to submit an application, therefore can be removed.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
		X			Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Sweet Chestnut (T1) - Reduce lower branches by 1.5m					
Conditions	n/a					

Notes to applicant	Under Regulation 14(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012 dead wood is exempt from the need to submit an application, therefore can be removed.		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		