

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/96013					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	27 BROOMHILL WAY, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4RL					
Proposed work	1 no. Ash (T1) - Fell to leave 1m stump. Reason - Tree is displaying early signs of Hymenoscyphus fraxineus (Stage 1). Tree has recently shed a limb into the garden.					
Assessment Date	18/10/23					
Officer comments	The tree is within the rear of the property along the northern boundary. The tree is visible from Broomhill Way and is considered to offer some amenity value and character to the area. The tree appears in overall in good-fair health. It is acknowledged that the tree has previously lost a limb. The applicant has proposed to fell the tree due to the tree exhibiting early signs of ash dieback. The latest Forestry Commission guidance states <i>"we advise a general presumption against felling living ash trees, whether infected or not. This is because there is good evidence that a small proportion will be able to tolerate H. fraxineus infection. There is also the possibility that a proportion of ash trees can become diseased, but then recover to good health."</i> Given that the tree is only showing early symptoms of die back, the effect it is likely to have on the tree is therefore unknown. The applicant has stated that they do not have fears the tree might break or fall. Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 states "appropriate evidence describing any structural damage to property or in relation to tree health or safety, as applicable", therefore, written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert should have been submitted to support the request to fell the tree. The proposed work is deemed unjustified.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Ash (T1) - Fell to leave 1m stump					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	Subject to the agreement of the Borough's Tree Officer.					
	Support		Objection		Observation	

Public objection/ support	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comment has been noted.		