

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/96308					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	LOWER LAPSTONE, BOTLEY ROAD, FAIR OAK, EASTLEIGH, SO50 7AN					
Proposed work	1no. Ash (T1) (& daughter growing together) - Fell, infected by Ash dieback. 1no. Ash (T2) - Fell, infected by Ash dieback.					
Assessment Date	16/10/23					
Officer comments	The trees are situated within the southwest of the property on the southern boundary. The trees are visible from the access into the properties and from the footpath though the green space to the south. T1 is a mature ash which appears in good condition. T2 is a mature ash appearing in fair condition. At the time of inspection, the trees did not appear in decline and no clear ash dieback symptoms were noted. The applicant has not supplied evidence to support the claim that trees have ash dieback. It should be acknowledged that 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> Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 states the applicant should provide "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 trees. 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Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	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: 1no. Ash (T1) (& daughter growing together) - Fell 1no. Ash (T2) - Fell					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	No objection subject to the agreement of EBC's arboriculturist					

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