

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/96319					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	13 KENILWORTH DRIVE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4PT					
Proposed work	1no. Ash (T1) - Fell due to Ash Dieback.					
Assessment Date	10/11/23					
Officer comments	The tree is within the east of the property within the rear garden. The tree is visible on approach in Kenilworth Drive and is considered to offer amenity value and character to the area. The tree appears in overall in good health. The applicant has proposed to fell the tree due to ash dieback. No ash dieback was noted at the time of visit. The photograph submitted shows the tree in leaf, in good health. It is acknowledged there is some epicormic on the stem, however, there is no water sprouting, which would be typical of a tree exhibiting signs of 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> 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. Given that the tree is not showing symptoms of ash dieback and no arboricultural report has been provided to support tree removal, the request to fell the tree 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Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	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) - Fell					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	None					

Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		