

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/96311
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	LAND TO NORTH OF ST NICOLAS CHURCH, NORTH STONEHAM, EASTLEIGH, SO50 9SB
Proposed work	1no. Ash (T1) - Reduce by 4m. 2no. Sycamore (T2 & T5) - Fell. 2no. Sycamore (T3 & T6) - Reduce by 4m and shape. 1no. Lime (T4) - Clear around the base of suckers, to facilitate re-inspection for survey.
Assessment Date	16/11/23
Officer comments	The trees are all situated along a boundary. They are set back from the road, forming a boundary feature. They are highly visible and offer good levels of amenity. T1 is a large mature ash. It bifurcates at approximately 1.5m and has lost a scaffold from this location. The tree has put on a volume of reaction growth, however, given the wounds size and location, the proposal to reduce the remaining stems up to 4m is reasonable for the management of the tree within its location. T2 is a large sycamore, it appears overall in good vitality. There is a large cavity within the base. While this is unquantified within the report, when probed, it is extensive, therefore the request to fell this tree is reasonable. The supplied report recommends replacement planting at a 4:1 ratio. While this would be supported, conditional planting should include one replacement. T5 is a mature sycamore that forms a canopy with the adjacent tree. There is a fruiting body on the east of the stem. When sounded with a mallet, there is little variation within the wood, suggesting that currently any associated decay is not extensive. Further evidence is required to support the removal of this tree. T3 is a mature sycamore. The tree appears in fair health. There is a small area of kretschmaria at the base. The proposed work to reduce the tree by up to 4m is reasonable for the management of the tree within its location. T6 is a large sycamore forming a pair with T5. The proposed reduction appears to have been proposed to due to the potential for new exposure following the removal of T5. However, given that evidence supporting the removal of T5 is insufficient, the proposed 4m reduction for T6 is unjustified. T4 is a large lime with a volume of basal epicormic. The proposed removal of basal growth to facilitate further inspection is reasonable for the management of the tree within its location.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Sycamore (T5) - Fell 1no. Sycamore (T6) - Reduce by 4m and shape CONSENT: 1no. Ash (T1) - Reduce by 4m 1no. Sycamore (T2) - Fell 1no. Sycamore (T3) - Reduce by 4m and shape 1no. Lime (T4) - Clear around the base of suckers					
Conditions	Standard quality and time, plus replant; The removal of the tree is conditional upon a replacement tree being planted: One replacement tree within land to the north of St Nicolas Church is required. Tree to be selected from the following unless an alternative is agreed in writing with the Tree Officer: <i>Juglans regia</i>, <i>Pinus sylvestris</i>, <i>Quercus robur</i>					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a					