

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/96386			
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway			
Address	214 Hiltingbury Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 5NN			
Proposed work	1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Reduce tree away from building to leave 1.5m clearance and reduce height by 2.5m. Carrying out reduction to minimise sail effect and reduce risk of tree failure.			
Assessment Date	21/12/23			
Officer comments	The tree is situated adjacent 216 Hiltingbury Road. It can be seen from the public footpath and walkways to the properties. The tree offers good visual amenity. The tree is in close proximity to buildings. The applicant has proposed to reduce the height of the tree. Work described appears to equate to 'topping'. 7.2.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations states 'topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk'. BS3998 is also clear in that it states, '<i>species of Betula, which generally have weak defences against development of decay, should be pruned as sparingly as possible, and without exposing heartwood or ripewood</i>'. Work is likely to decrease the long-term health and visual amenity of the tree. The applicant has not provided evidence that the tree poses an increased risk, therefore the proposed height reduction is deemed unjustified. The request to provide up to 1.5m clearance form buildings is reasonable for the management of the tree within its location.			
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent, part refuse	Conservation area
				TPO No objection
			X	
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Reduce height by 2.5m. CONSENT: 1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Reduce tree away from building to leave 1.5m clearance			
Conditions	Standard quality and time			
Notes to applicant	None			
Parish comments	None			
	Support		Objection	

Public objection/ support	0	0	
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		