

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/96333					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	9 HEATHFIELD ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5RP					
Proposed work	1no. Birch (T1) - Crown lift to 5 metres above ground level by removal of lowest lateral limbs. Prune back from building to give 2m clearance.					
Assessment Date	21/12/23					
Officer comments	The tree is within the front garden on the property on the northeastern boundary. The tree can be seen from the public highway and has high visual amenity. The tree appears in fair health. The applicant has proposed to crown lift the tree by removing the two lowest lateral branches. The tree has limited lateral growth and an already high crown break. BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations documents that <i>"the removal of branches which are close together on a parent stem or branch should be avoided, unless the tree is young or cuts are so small, they are capable of occluding"</i>. It is also clear that <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>. Therefore, the proposed crown lift is likely to negatively impact the long-term health of the tree, given the current clearance, this work is deemed unjustified. It is acknowledged that the tree is in proximity to buildings, therefore, the proposal to provide clearance is reasonable management for 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Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	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. Birch (T1) - Crown lift to 5 metres above ground level by removal of lowest lateral limbs. CONSENT: 1no. Birch (T1) - Prune back from building to give 2m clearance.					
Conditions	Standard quality and time					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					

Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a		