

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/96517				
Surveyor	SK/IF				
Address	15 FIRS DRIVE, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4QQ				
Proposed work	2no. Common Beech (T1 & T2) - Sectional/dismantle to hedge/fence height, one tree has completely died, the adjacent tree is moribund.				
Assessment Date	14/12/23				
Officer comments	Saw resident and son on site. Time of year means that it was not possible to assess the tree (furthest 2 from house, further one cited as dead) fully – the buds are a long way above head height and so impossible to reach to check if still alive. Bud density looks low. Fungal sporocarps are present on the base of the stem on NNW side up to about 60cms. The fungi is identified as <i>Chondostereum pupureum</i> which causes Silverleaf disease. This would be consistent with what the resident reports. Silverleaf usually causes the failure of whole branches, and though not common on beech is known to infect a wide host range if trees are already stressed, but the infection at the base of the stem seems to have affected the entire tree. There is a report of honey fungus in the location, and though not seen on site it may have facilitated further colonisation. Streetview images from August 2023 show the tree to have poor foliar condition. Photos supplied, subsequent to, application by the owner bear this out as well. The location is very wet in this corner, and the cycles of drought and wet have accelerated the decline, possibly exacerbated by root damage from a neighbouring shed installation (not seen). The whole tree appears to be infected and the chances of it recovering are negligible.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
	X				
Decision notice	2no. Common Beech (T1 & T2) – fell to ground level.				
Conditions	Standard & one new tree to be replanted as a condition of felling: species to be one of the following: 1 x Oak (<i>Quercus petraea</i> or <i>Q. robur</i>) (preferred) 1 x Foxglove tree (<i>Paulownia tomentosa</i>) 1 x Alder (<i>Alnus glutinosa</i> or <i>Alnus spaethii</i>)				

	Stock to be a minimum 8/10 standard nursery stock (or 2-2.5m for a conifer) suitably staked and planted ideally where they will offer public amenity but have room to thrive. Other species may be acceptable but must be agreed with the tree officer prior to purchase. Planting to take place in the first planting season (winter) after felling.		
Notes to applicant	Avoid Rosaceae species in this location.		
Parish comments	No Objection subject to a replant of 2 x trees and the usual conditions of the tree officer.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comment has been noted.		