

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form	
Application Number	T/26/100803
Surveyor	AM
Address	KINGS COPSE FARM, TANHOUSE LANE, BOTLEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2SZ
Proposed work	1no. Group (G1) – Removal of adjacent cherry stems overhanging the car port. Trees have been excessively crown-lifted and now exhibit an acute lean as a result of group competition, restricting further management options. Localised crown reduction oak and ash encroaching toward the outbuilding and car port to achieve up to 2m clearance, with pruning cuts not exceeding 50mm in diameter. 1no. Silver birch Group (G2)- Fell dead/dying trees W1 - Remove dead trees. 1no. Group (G3) - (G3.1) Remove dead/dying sycamore within falling distance to the public footpath.
Assessment Date	13 th March 2026
Officer comments	TPO 554-E applies. This protects a “group” of trees around the perimeter of Kings Copse Farm. Public views are limited from the footpath which runs along the northern boundary of the site and from the access to Manor Farm Country Park which runs along the southern boundary. Views into the site are interrupted by tree cover and/or high fencing. G1 – Close-grown group of cherry, ash and oak with average stem diameters of approx. 25cm dbh and heights to around 18m tall. Approx. 5 cherry stems overhanging the car port although to say they have an acute lean is quite an exaggeration. However, they do have tall, slender stems with no crown until the top 3-4m and are lion-tailed in that respect. There’s no indication that any are immediately dangerous. Due to their position some 100m from the footpath and the presence of other trees within the group, the loss of the cherries would not be perceptible from public views. Pruning of the oak and ash to clear the carport and outbuilding is reasonable, will not result in large wounds so be of little consequence in terms of tree health. The proposed management of this group will not have an adverse impact on public amenity.



G1 cherries marked orange arrows

G2 birch – One standing dead and one in severe decline. Stood on edge of paddock. Felling these is reasonable. They are not protected by the TPO.



Showing G2 as wrong side of fence to be subject to TPO

W1 – Dead trees – Close-grown woodland group of mostly oaks of 10-40cm dbh. Approx. 6 standing dead trees at various stages of collapse. The felling of these trees is exempt from application and has been noted for information purposes only. The duty to replace these trees should be waived as this group would justify a silvicultural thin (circa-25%).



Showing 2 stems within W1 standing dead, devoid of branches and bark dropping off. Same as others in wider group.

G3/G3.1 – multiple sycamores within this group measuring 30-40cm dbh x 16-18m tall. Some lapsed coppice stools. Multiple trees in very poor physiological condition, standing dead or partially windblown. Several with probable (undiagnosed) sooty bark disease and riddled with insect boreholes. Numbers around 8 stems in this condition along an approx. 100m group of trees. The felling of these trees is exempt from application. I marked these with pink paint while on site but as my visit did not constitute a hazard tree survey, some intended for felling by the Applicant may have been missed. Example photographs below:



Sycamore showing bark loss and insect activity



Lifted rootplate with torn tension root; tree leaning to path



Lapsed coppice stool with dead stems/extensive bark loss

Decision						
	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
	X					
Decision notice	CONSENT: 1no. Group (G1) – Removal of adjacent cherry stems overhanging the car port. Trees have been excessively crown-lifted and now exhibit an acute lean as a result of group competition, restricting further management options. Localised crown reduction oak and ash encroaching toward the outbuilding and car port to achieve up to 2m clearance, with pruning cuts not exceeding 50mm in diameter. 1no. Silver birch Group (G2)- Fell dead/dying trees* W1 - Remove dead trees* 1no. Group (G3) - (G3.1) Remove dead/dying sycamore within falling distance to the public footpath.* *G2 is marginally outside the boundary of the TPO therefore is not protected.					

	The removal of dead trees from W1 is exempt from application. The duty to replace these trees has been waived on this occasion. The removal of dead and dangerous trees from G3/G3.1 is exempt from application. 4 replacement trees will be required. Suitable species include Oak (<i>Quercus robur</i>), field maple (<i>Acer campestre</i>), hornbeam (<i>Carpinus betulus</i>) and/or wild service tree (<i>Sorbus torminalis</i>).		
Conditions	BS3998, pre-commencement meeting		
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	BPC: The Planning & Highways committee met on 24/02/26 and voted to object to this application on the basis of the clarity of the application and that an arboriculturist should attend site. AM response: Agreed that application is vague but site visit carried out as normal and works determined to be reasonable or exempt due to tree condition.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	None received.		