

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	NC/26/100899					
Surveyor	AM					
Address	HACKETTS, HIGH STREET, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8DL					
Proposed work	1no. Weeping Willow - Remove the crown entirely (see picture 4) and cut back the lower branches to a max length of approx 3m, similar to picture 5. Tree has already lost two large branches (see photos 1 & 2) and is showing further signs of weakness. Tree was subject of a previous application NC/23/94510; outcome was "Raise No Objection." One of the two trees in that application suffered a major loss of a limb last summer leading to emergency pollarding. (See picture 5). With the other tree having similar characteristics, including a very large branch reaching over the drive (see picture 3), we believe it would be appropriate to reduce the second tree in a similar way to the first one.					
Assessment Date	17 th March 2026					
Officer comments	Previously approved to be reduced by 3m under NC/23/94510. Visible from High Street. Reasonable benefit in terms of public, visual amenity. Coming into leaf and has trailing canopy typical of the species. The lowest primary branch is horizontal all foliage growing from its end. The stem otherwise leans slightly to the west, just over the boundary of the adjacent property. The proposed pruning will be quite extensive, leaving large wounds which the tree will struggle to occlude. There may be a good growth response from the pruning wounds, allowing the tree to be retained at a smaller size. Equally, the work may kill the tree. If we consider tree for suitability for TPO, I find that the tree is in fair condition tree but is short-lived species, able to attain around 40-50 years. 10-20 years remaining if pruned well. Medium tree, visible from High Street. Form sub-optimum. Would not justify TPO.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
					X	
Decision notice						
Conditions						

Notes to applicant	A lesser reduction of 2-3m, keeping wound size no larger than 75mm diameter is more likely to be tolerated by the tree. The resulting regrowth will require period maintenance, probably around once every 3 years, dependent on growing conditions.		
Parish comments	None.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	None received.		