

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	NC/26/101087				
Surveyor	AM				
Address	1 CASTLE VIEW, ABBEY HILL, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5FA				
Proposed work	1no. Sycamore - Felled. Multiple trunks and a large wound at the bottom (extending over 30 cms deep into the base of the tree). The arborist has indicated that the tree should be felled. It is located on a bank less than three meters from the Castle View building.				
Assessment Date	22 nd April 2026				
Officer comments	The notification horse chestnut (misidentified as sycamore) protected by the Netley Abbey Conservation Area. It is within a (relatively) linear group close to the boundary shared with Netley Waterside House. The group is visible to the public from Abbey Hill and provides some value in terms of public amenity. The horse chestnut stands at the southern end of the group its views are limited to the private road serving Castle View and several other properties. It is largely screened from the main public view i.e. from Abbey Hill. The tree is 4-stemmed from ground level, with stem diameters estimated by eye to be around 30,30,15 and 12cm dbh. A fifth stem was removed in the distant past and its stub has decayed well into the root crown. Given the relatively young age of the tree and the fact it is quite sheltered, it is unlikely that the decay is at an extent that the tree might be unstable. Ultimately, the tree has poor form and is of limited public benefit. As such, a TPO would be indefensible. Reluctantly, I recommend that we raise no objection to the felling of this tree.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection
					X
Decision notice	No objection.				
Conditions					
Notes to applicant					
Parish comments	The Planning Committee concurred with the expert opinion of Eastleigh Borough Council's arboriculturist.				
	Support	Objection		Observation	

Public objection/ support	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	None received.		