

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/26/101422
Surveyor	IF/AM
Address	79 ASHDOWN ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5QX
Proposed work	1no. Sweet Chestnut - Remove. Arb report enclosed in documents.
Assessment Date	12/06/2026 and 23/06/2026
Officer comments	TPO 239-E (G10) 1no. Sweet Chestnut confirmed 03.08.1993 The large twin-stemmed sweet chestnut sits to the side of the property 79 Ashdown Road and is visible from all public areas; it contributes significantly to the verdant character of the area due to its size and location. No answer at the door at the time of both visits. The newly built brick wall which required a retrospective planning permission was noted. The tree came into leaf with good full crown and overall shows a high level of vitality. The arboricultural report submitted with the application describes the condition of the tree as "fair to poor" which didn't find justification when viewing the tree in situ. The small area of bark dysfunction on the eastern side appears to be superficial and relatively small and shallow in relation to the size and girth of the tree and is located below the line of attachment. As described in the report: "no significant penetration by the probe with some weathered wood" is not likely to be considered a sufficient factor to compromise the stability of the entire tree. The report statement that this small area on the eastern side "suggests the beginning of dysfunction" is not conclusive on a level that would warrant a removal of the high amenity tree. Further defects described in the report such as "vague audible defects, potential audible defects and sounding slightly off", forming of shedding collars (which is typical of species) are not sufficient to justify the proposed felling. On the other hand, hazard beam on the northern stem limb and deadwood present in the crown are considered sufficient to warrant a permission for management measure such as removal of the defected limb, overall height reduction and crown reduction to manage the overhang over the properties and provide clearance. Whereas removal of deadwood does not require planning permission. Overall, the proposed felling has not been justified based on a few non-conclusive findings and isolated defects/features of the mature tree. The applicant is welcome to monitor the tree's condition and reapply if/when they gain sufficient evidence to justify removal of this locally important tree.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
				X		
Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Sweet Chestnut - Remove. Consent to: 1no. Sweet Chestnut – Prune away from the buildings to provide a 3m clearance. Prune the first major limb on the northern stem with a hazard beam back to origin. Reduce in height by 3m.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None received.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	1		1		2	
Objection/ support consideration	All comments submitted by the public have been considered during the decision-making process.					



