

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form	
Application Number	T/26/101864
Surveyor	IF
Address	32 MAYTREE ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5RU
Proposed work	1no. Larch (T31) - reduce lateral branches as marked on the south side by up to 3m back to suitable growth points, leaving a remaining lateral spread of 3m overhanging in order to prevent potential structural damage to the shed roofs and reduce heavy debris accumulation on the roofs and in the house gutters, as well as alleviating excessive shading, whilst maintaining the natural shape and health of this tree.
Assessment Date	14.09.2026
Officer comments	TPO 240-E (T31) 1no. Larch Latest application from the residents of 68 Ashdown Road - T1 originates from 32 Maytree Road. It is a large-sized good specimen providing public amenity thanks to its position in between the properties. It forms a cohesive canopy with the nearby Sweet Chestnut tree located at 34 Maytree Road. Some of T1 higher canopy overhangs the applicant's garden however there is no encroachment onto the property and the vertical clearance is at least 3.5-4 meters between the lowest branch on the applicant's side and their shed's roof and roughly 5.5m from the ground level as a result of the previous crown lifting works. The applicant has proposed to reduce lateral branches on the south side by 3m back to suitable growth points - this will negatively affect the visual amenity the tree currently provides, additionally larch trees will not generally regrow if pruned back hard so "suitable growth points" reference does not apply in this case. The cited potential structural damage to the small wooden shed situated directly underneath the tree is possible in case of a full branch shedding. The risk of this happening will not be removed by shortening the southern canopy back by 3m as the overhang will still remain. Same applies to the accumulating debris – the tree is positioned in close proximity – reduction by 3m will not alleviate the spread of seasonal debris including by wind. The proposed works will likely result in the opposite to "natural health and shape" cited in the application form. The specification is likely to remove substantial part of the canopy, leaving the tree 'sided up' with a number of 'stub cuts'. This would not be in line with standards set out in BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations. The remaining stubs are likely to leave an entry point for pest and pathogen. 7.2.4 of BS3998:2012. Tree Work Recommendations document that "the removal of branches which are close together on a parent stem or branch should be avoided unless the tree is young or cuts are so small, they are capable of occluding". Therefore, the proposal is considered unjustified

	since the stated desired effect is unlikely to be achieved but the detrimental effect to the tree’s health and vitality as well as reduction of its visual amenity are likely to be caused.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Larch (T31) - Reduce lateral branches as marked on the south side by up to 3m back to suitable growth points.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None received.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration						

