

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	NC/26/101955				
Surveyor	AM				
Address	4 GREYLADYES, SCHOOL ROAD, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8BX				
Proposed work	1no. Beech - Fell, see attached Tree Inspection Report.				
Assessment Date	24 th September 2026				
Officer comments	The notification beech is protected by virtue of its location within the Old Bursledon Conservation Area. The supplied report recommends felling the tree on the basis of basal decay and its proximity to multiple targets. The tree is a large, mature specimen. It's visible from surrounding roads and provides a high level of public, visual amenity. Unfortunately, the tree has become colonised by <i>Kretzschmaria deusta</i>, a significant species of decay fungi. Fungal fruiting bodies emerge from at least three locations around the base and follow a strip a metre or so up the stem. The crown shows signs of reduced vitality as it is sparse at the tips. Decay is likely to be extensive, although the supplied tomography implies otherwise. The Arboriculturist advises caution in interpreting the tomography as the nature of decay caused by <i>Kretzschmaria</i> is such that it can evade this form of decay detection. I agree with this statement. The tree cannot reasonably be made the subject of a TPO; it is in poor structural condition and has a low remaining life expectancy. Unfortunately, the felling of this tree will cause harm to public amenity but this is justified in the circumstances.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area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	None.				
	Support	Objection		Observation	

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