

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/96570										
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway										
Address	25 WEAUVILLS ROAD, BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 8HQ										
Proposed work	3no. Ash (T1, T2 & T3) - Crown thin by 30% and reduce crown by approx. 3.4 metres. 1no. Ash (T1) - Crown raise BY 1.8 metres. 1no. Ash (T3) - Crown raise BY 2.5 metres.										
Assessment Date	02/01/24										
Officer comments	The trees are situated within the rear of the property and can be seen over rooftops and in between properties along Weavills Road. The trees offer character and high levels of amenity to the local area. The trees are mature and form a cohesive group. They all appear in good vitality. The applicant has proposed to reduce the height of trees by up to 3.4m and thin the remaining canopy by 30%. 7.2.3.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations states '<i>mature and old trees generally have a reduced capacity to tolerate the potentially adverse effects of wounding</i>'. Given the trees age, the proposed extent of the work is likely to have a negative impact as it will remove large volumes of photosynthetic material, reducing the trees' ability to perform physiological functions. The height reduction appears to equate to topping, which is likely to leave significant wounding. 7.2.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations states '<i>topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk</i>'. BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations documents that thinning is primarily of use for increasing light levels and can often be detrimental as uneven or over thinning can increase the probability of branch failure. No statement of the applicants' reasons for the application has been included as required under Regulation 16 of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 and no evidence support the proposed work has been provided. The work is deemed unjustified. It is noted that the canopies of T1 and T3 are slightly low. The request to crown raise these trees is reasonable for the management of the tree within its location.										
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Conditions	Standard quality and time		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	No objection to or comments		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	The parish comment has been noted.		