

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/96666				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Address	24 Barrington Close, Eastleigh, SO50 4SH				
Proposed work	1no. Twin Stemmed Alder - Pollard tree. Tree is very large and has a wet pocket at the base and at cavity, Pollarding will remove a lot of the weight from the top of the tree and therefore blow less in high winds.				
Assessment Date	19/02/24				
Officer comments	The tree is situated within the front of the property. It is prominent and has very good visibility from the public highway. The tree is in good vitality. There is minor basal and stem epicormic growth present. There is a small cavity on the lower stem of the western stem, however, there is good reaction growth present. Stems form a uniform crown despite being historically topped. The tree does not appear to have undergone any form of cyclic management. The applicant has proposed to pollard the tree, however, has not provided a work specification. The applicant has cited a 'wet pocket' at the base of the tree as justification for the work. However, no evidence has been supported to demonstrate an increased risk of whole tree failure. Given the trees lapsed status, removing the entire canopy may impact long term tree health where the tree cannot perform physiological functions, negatively impacting the amenity value the tree currently offers the surrounding areas. Management of the tree should be in line with C.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations. The applicant has stated that they have a fear the tree might break or fall and that it is causing damage to property. Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012 states "<i>appropriate evidence describing any structural damage to property or in relation to tree health or safety, as applicable</i>". Therefore, written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert should have been submitted to support this application. A future work application with a considered work specification, in line with BS3998:2010, supporting the retention of a lapsed pollard is unlikely to be objected to.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent, part refuse		Conservation area
					TPO
		X			No objection
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Twin Stemmed Alder - Pollard tree.				

Conditions			
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		