

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/96664				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Address	38 Charnwood Crescent, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 5QT				
Proposed work	1 no. Birch (T1) - Crown reduction: individual branches cut by 1-2m which relates to 0.5-1m radius crown reduction due to vertical nature of branch growth. Reason: due to the proximity of the tree to the property and it's age. 1 no. Sweet Chestnut (T2) - Reduce crown on all sides by 1m. recommended staged retrenchment. 1 no. Beech (T3) - Remove branch on southwest side at approximately 10-15m agl. Reason: showing signs of damage due to sudden large branch drops.				
Assessment Date	19/02/24				
Officer comments	The silver birch is a mature twin stem specimen to the front of the property, it is adjacent the highway and offers high amenity value and character to the local area. The tree is in good vitality and has minimal previous pruning and is sufficiently clear of structures. The applicant has proposed to reduce individual branches by up to 2m. 7.2.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations is clear in that it states '<i>species of Betula, which generally have weak defences against development of decay, should be pruned as sparingly as possible, and without exposing heartwood or ripewood</i>'. The request to prune this tree is deemed unjustified. The sweet chestnut is a very large multi-stem mature specimen, which can be seen above rooftops from the highway. The tree offers good levels of amenity value. The tree has previously been reduced and despite its age has responded well. The applicant has proposed to reduce the canopy by up to 1m, this work will remove regrowth, pruning back to previous points. This is reasonable for the management of the tree within its location. Cut sizes should be limited to 30mm. The beech is situated within the rear of the property and has limited visibility from the public realm. It appears in overall good health. The branch that is proposed for removal appears to have some damage, typical of that associated with squirrels. The request is reasonable for the management of the tree within its location.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent, part refuse		Conservation area
					TPO No objection
			X		
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Birch (T1) - Crown reduction: individual branches cut by 1-2m which relates to 0.5-1m radius crown reduction due to vertical nature of branch growth. CONSENT: 1 no. Sweet Chestnut (T2) - Reduce crown on all sides by 1m.				

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Conditions	Standard quality and time, limit cut sizes to 30mm (T2 only).		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		