



Planning Department
Eastleigh Borough Council
Eastleigh House
Upper Market Street
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Dear Planning

Proposed works to TPO Birch tree

102 Ashdown Road, Chandlers Ford SO53 5QG

This letter accompanies a revised application for works to a Birch tree at the rear garden of above property which is subject to TPO 238-E.

This application follows an application that was made in error in respect to no.104 (T/24/96788), on behalf of the applicant. That application was refused without reference back to the tree location plan or the agent. It is clear from the officer's report (T/24/96788) that the application, for the wrong address, was determined without the benefit of a site visit.

It is not possible to fully appreciate the impact this sizeable tree has on the applicant's property without undertaking a site visit and it is respectfully **requested that a site visit be undertaken** on this occasion.

The subject tree is one in a group of five Birches. It is the only Birch in the rear garden of no.102 but being part of a group, the amenity value is achieved by the group as a whole. Whilst this group is partly visible across the roofs of this row of houses, the public amenity value is limited due to the close relationship between the houses and the limited number of passers-by in this end of cul de sac location.

However, this proposal does not include anything that has not previously been approved for this tree. The pruning of the tree back to previous pruning points (T/08/64224) will make significant improvements to the applicant's enjoyment of their property and support the ongoing management of the tree. Additionally, and more importantly, it will not adversely affect the group value as the pruning will be mostly obscured from public view.

The host property has recently witnessed the loss of a Silver Birch from the front garden following heavy rain (December 2023). Whilst there are no immediate concerns as the likelihood of the Birch in the rear garden falling this possibility remains on the applicant's mind. The proposed careful reduction to the canopy by Lakewood Tree Surgeons, will minimise the sail effect upon this tree and reduce the chances of it falling towards the house should such an event occur again.

As the tree is situated to the north it does not impact direct sunlight into the house. However due to the scale of the tree and its proximity to the house it does have a negative impact on daylight levels to both the house and garden.

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The proposed works will ensure the maintenance of a suitable distance between the tree and the house and will not be detrimental to the overall health or long-term amenity value of the tree.

Yours faithfully

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