

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/97258				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Address	31 RANDALL ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5AJ				
Proposed work	1no. Silver Birch - Removal of portion of lower limb hanging over driveway & restricting upward growth of laburnum tree near boundary with No. 33. Crown clean by removing & pruning out all damaged & diseased limbs & branches, windblown material, epicormic growth, crossing & rubbing branches & debris in the crown. Removal of ivy.				
Assessment Date	15/05/2024				
Officer comments	The tree is situated within the front of the property. It is a mature silver birch that is adjacent to the highway with high levels of visual amenity. The trees appears in overall good health, is currently clear of structures and provided good clearance over the driveway. The applicant has proposed to remove a proportion of the lower limb alongside undertaking a crown clean. 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>', therefore any proposed work should not be detrimental to the overall health of the tree. The removal of the lateral limb will leave a large pruning wound, which may compromise the structural integrity of the tree over time. Where the applicant has fears the tree might break or fall, "<i>written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert</i>", as outlined in Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012 should be provided. No broken limbs, diseased limbs, epicormic growth or crossing rubbing branches were noted, and no evidence has been provided to support the requested work. The tree has previously been 'crown cleaned', which involved the removal of crossing rubbing branches. Any broken hanging branches, windblown material or deadwood would meet an exemption, therefore can be removed. Ivy can also be removed without consent.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
			X		
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Silver Birch - Removal of portion of lower limb hanging over driveway & restricting upward growth of laburnum tree near boundary with No. 33. Crown clean by removing & pruning out all damaged &				

	diseased limbs & branches, epicormic growth, crossing & rubbing branches. CONSENT: 1no. Silver Birch - Crown clean by removing windblown & debris in the crown.		
Conditions	Standard quality and time.		
Notes to applicant	Under Regulation 14(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012 dead wood and broken hanging branches are exempt from the need to submit an application, therefore can be removed. However, no hanging branches were noted at the time of visit.		
Parish comments	None.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration			