

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form						
Application Number	T/24/97206					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	25 SYCAMORE AVENUE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5RJ					
Proposed work	1no. Scots Pine (T1) - Fell, recently several limbs have snapped off & the top crown has split. Felling of this tree will remove risk of tree failing. After removal, tree will be replaced with a standard Scots Pine.					
Assessment Date	15/05/24					
Officer comments	The tree is within the rear of the property. It is a mature pine that can be seen over the roof tops offering good amenity value. The tree is in overall good health. The applicant has proposed to fell the tree due to the loss of limbs and a split in the crown. The central leaders of the tree have historically failed/split. The tree and requested work have been discussed with Sarah Kiss for a second opinion. We both agree with the following; There is good reaction wood surrounding the split indicating that any failure is not recent. This is supported by available imagery from Google Street View dating back to 2009 The tree has undergone an aerial inspection, with the climber comfortably tied into the union in question. The tree has survived numerous wind events with this form, and as supported by imagery this suggests further failure is unlikely in its' present form. The photographs submitted do not show decay or fruiting fungal bodies which, were present, would suggest the stem is compromised. Photographs show some lower branches are missing. This is typical for species, particularly through shading. Given the trees form has been consistent, and the tree is in good vitality, consideration has been given with regards to lesser work. It is fact that a reduction would remove a proportion of photosynthetic material, which may compromise the tree's ability to perform physiological functions including responding to wounding. It should be noted that the applicant has stated they do not have a fear 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 to support removal of this tree. <u>At present, the level of evidence is insufficient to warrant the loss of the tree</u>					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO

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Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Scots Pine (T1) - Fell					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a					