

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/97603					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	123 ASHDOWN ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5QH					
Proposed work	1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Height reduction by 3m, leaving a height of 12m. Reduce Northern, Eastern & Southern branch by 1.5m, leaving branch length of 3.5m. Reduce Western branch by 2m, leaving branch length of 5m. Crown lift to a height of 4m. Reduction required to keep tree crown at a suitable size for area it grows within.					
Assessment Date	18/07/24					
Officer comments	The birch is within the rear of the property. It appears in good vitality and can be seen from the public realm offering a good level of visual amenity. The applicant has proposed to reduce the tree, which includes a reduction in height. Work described appears to equate to 'topping' which would expose heart wood and accelerate decay of established trees, negatively impacting their longevity. BS3998 states 'topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk'. 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>'. However, it is acknowledged that the tree is within the rear of the property, therefore, some lateral pruning is reasonable and is unlikely to affect the overall amenity of the tree.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
			X		Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Height reduction by 3m, leaving a height of 12m. CONSENT: 1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Reduce Northern, Eastern & Southern branch by 1.5m, leaving branch length of 3.5m. Reduce Western branch by 2m, leaving branch length of 5m. Crown lift to a height of 4m.					
Conditions	Standard quality and time					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None					

Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration			