

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	NC/24/97712					
Surveyor	SK					
Address	CUSTODIANS COTTAGE, 1 ABBEY HILL, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5FB					
Proposed work	1no. Sycamore - Fell to ground level. Cambial dieback from ground level up to suboptimal primary union & between stems on East side. Fruiting bodies of fungus beneath flaking bark, high chance of tree failure albeit good vitality, main targets include main, private road & overhead cables.					
Assessment Date	23/07/24					
Officer comments	Sycamore is prominent due to size – it's a very large, twin stemmed tree of some girth. It is growing c.4m from the busy Abbey Hill and close to the junction with Fountains Park, which is access to a large care home. It is within a group of similar height trees. The tree is slightly sparse compared to other sycamores in the area, and though a close inspection was not possible (the abbey was closed) there is bark disruption on the lower stem and the compression union cited in the application is visible. There are multiple cavities on the upper sections of the tree that have potential for wildlife, including protected species such as bats. It would be preferable to retain a monolith at c. 3m for habitat so this will be noted on the consent form.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
					x	
Decision notice	1no. Sycamore - Fell to ground level.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant	If possible, a 3m standing stem would retain some habitat value and not be within falling distance of the road – it may need treating with herbicide to prevent regrowth. NOTE: there are multiple cavities at pruning wounds which may be used as roosts from protected species. The roost sites (e.g. bats) are also protected so checks must be made prior to works.					
Parish comments	HPC Members agreed to concur with the Arboriculturalist at Eastleigh Borough Council.					
	Support		Objection		Observation	

Public objection/ support	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration			