

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/97786					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	98 ASHDOWN ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5QG					
Proposed work	1no. Silver Birch (SB1) - 1.5m reduction of limbs to move away from house & road to stop sailing effect from splitting trunk. 1.5m shaping of the top of the tree. 1no. Silver Birch (SB2) - 1.5m reduction of limbs to prevent dead wood hitting cars in drive, 1.5m shaping of top of tree.					
Assessment Date	15/08/24					
Officer comments	The two birch trees are to the front of the property. They are adjacent the highway and offer high levels of amenity value. The trees are in overall good health. The applicant has proposed to reduce both trees. 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>'. The trees have been pruned over the highway previously, however, most of the canopy remains unpruned. Given the species and the trees location, the request is unjustified. It is acknowledged that the trees are in proximity to buildings and the lowest lateral is at an angle that may benefit from a slight reduction, however, given the trees weak defences, any work should be targeted. Any deadwood present can be removed with LPA consent.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Silver Birch (SB1) - 1.5m reduction of limbs to move away from house & road to stop sailing effect from splitting trunk. 1.5m shaping of the top of the tree. 1no. Silver Birch (SB2) - 1.5m reduction of limbs to prevent dead wood hitting cars in drive, 1.5m shaping of top of tree. CONSENT: 1no. Silver Birch (SB1) - Localised prune to provide up to 1.5m from buildings. Prune the lowest southern lateral extending over the highway by up to 1.5m from branch tips. Cut sizes not to exceed 40mm. 1no. Silver Birch (SB2) - Localised prune to provide up to 1.5m from buildings. Cut sizes not to exceed 40mm.					
Conditions	Standard quality, time and cut sizes.					

Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a		