

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/98394					
Surveyor	IF					
Address	15 HARLAXTON CLOSE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4QX					
Proposed work	1no. Twin Stem Birch (rear garden) - Fell left-hand stem due to decline in health. Right-hand stem crown height reduction would be approx 3m with canopy reduction to rebalance canopy by no more than 1m. To mark area & reshape canopy.					
Assessment Date	14/11/2024					
Officer comments	The visibility of the twin-stemmed birch is limited to the small gap between the properties thus providing very limited public amenity. The historic tear out can be seen on the left-hand stem, some occluded cavities near the base, the crown is very sparse. Due to lack of vigour and low to no effect on public amenity the removal is deemed reasonable. The right-hand stem is much taller and the crown is much fuller compared to the left-hand stem. Currently, there is an adequate distance between the tree and the property/boundary. The proposed reduction to 3m in height and 1m in canopy will equal to topping in this particular case and considering that the other stem will be removed and the tree will be in recovery and due to the characteristics of the species (Betula are particularly susceptible to decay and pathogens as a result of pruning as per BS 3998), this will have a detrimental effect on the health and vitality of the tree, therefore, the proposal is deemed unreasonable.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
			X		Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Twin Stem Birch (rear garden) - Right-hand stem crown height reduction would be approx. 3m with canopy reduction to rebalance canopy by no more than 1m. Consent: 1no. Twin Stem Birch (rear garden) - Fell left-hand stem due to decline in health.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	Refer to tree officer for expert opinion.					

Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	1	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	The support comment and Parish comment have been considered during the decision-making process.		