

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/98405
Surveyor	AM
Address	21 NETLEY FIRS ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4AY
Proposed work	1no. Conifer (T1) - Fell. Dying conifer & has various brown patches. 1no. Sorbus (T2) - Reduce crown in height by 1.5m. Prune in sides by approx. 0.5m to match in with tops to create a civilised shape. 1no. Silver Birch (T3) - Reduce crown in height by approx. 2m. Prune on sides by approx. 0.5m to match in with tops to create a good shape. Trees are close to wall & summer house, outgrowing area & want to reduce.
Assessment Date	Site visit 19.11.24
Officer comments	Trees at this property are assumed to be protected by area TPO ref: 140-E, although as this can only protect trees of an age present at the time the TPO was served, this should be clarified prior to determination. All trees are clearly visible to the public from Netley Firs Road, Firs Drive and Strawberry Fields. The cypress (T1) is especially prominent as it is on the junction of these roads. T1 is a Lawson cypress cultivar of poor form having been topped in the past. The property side is browned off, potentially historic fire damage. It is of little arboricultural merit therefore could reasonably be removed and replaced. T2 is a Swedish whitebeam measuring approx. 7-8m tall x 18cm diameter. It has previously been reduced and has up to around 1.5m of regrowth. The proposed reduction is a repeat of previous works and would be tolerated by the tree due to the small resulting pruning wounds. This work would not be harmful in terms of public, visual amenity. T3 is a birch with a stem dividing at just above fence height to two stems of around 20cm diameter. This tree has previously been topped at around 7m above ground. Resulting regrowth is vertical and quite dense. A condition should specify that this work must not reduce the tree beyond previous pruning wounds. Although the trees in this application are clearly visible to the public, they are of low quality due to their past management. The proposed works would not be harmful to public amenity therefore should be permitted

	(subject to the Tree Officer view as to whether the area TPO does indeed afford them protection).					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
	X					
Decision notice	Consent: 1no. Conifer (T1) - Fell. 1no. Sorbus (T2) - Reduce crown in height by 1.5m. Prune in sides by approx. 0.5m. 1no. Silver Birch (T3) - Reduce crown in height by approx. 2m. Prune on sides by approx. 0.5m.					
Conditions	Standard BS3998:2010 condition with additional note stating that reduction of T2 and T3 shall not be beyond previous reduction points. Replacement of T1 with field maple (<i>Acer campestre</i>), rowan (<i>Sorbus aucuparia</i>), wild cherry (<i>Prunus avium</i>) or any other species as first agreed in writing by the Tree Officer. Minimum supplied size 'light standard' as per BS3936-1:1992.					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	Hedge End PC: No Objection subject to the usual conditions of the tree officer and a request is made to replant a suitable replacement.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	0		0		0	
Objection/ support consideration						