

# Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

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| <b>Application Number</b> | T/24/98440                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |
| <b>Surveyor</b>           | AM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |
| <b>Address</b>            | YEW TREE HOUSE, 4 HATHERELL CLOSE, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3LA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |
| <b>Proposed work</b>      | <p>1no. Ash (T1) - Remove, early dieback, close to building.</p> <p>1no. Yew (T2) - Trimming the south face over the garden, up to 0.5m &amp; then a selective reduction of errant longer limbs by up to 1m no greater than 30mm in Dia, again on south face. Routine maintenance to lessen some weight.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |
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| <b>Assessment Date</b>    | Site visit 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |
| <b>Officer comments</b>   | <p>TPO ref: 207A-E protects trees at this property. Ash is included within a group classification and the yew is included individually.</p> <p>T1 is an early-mature ash estimated by eye to measure around 15m tall and with a stem diameter of around 40cm. The tree is visible to the public from the churchyard and car park. The applicant alleges that the tree has early dieback, presumably referring to ash dieback/ <i>Hymenoscyphus fraxineus</i>. Whilst November is not an ideal time of year to witness symptoms of this disease, there is no evidence that the tree is currently afflicted. Bud coverage throughout the tree is normal and there are no signs of symptomatic dieback. It is possible that the tree might show early symptoms while in leaf (i.e. in late spring/summer). However, it is not considered to be normal practice to immediately fell ash trees with early (Suffolk System) Class 1 or 2 ash dieback.</p> <p>T2 is an early-mature yew measuring around 9m tall. It is partly visible from the churchyard and car park. It is more visible from the adjacent private road. The amount of pruning proposed is minor; it has previously been carried out; it will be tolerated by the tree and will be imperceptible to the public.</p> |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |
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| <b>Decision</b>           | <b>Consent</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Refuse</b> | <b>Part consent/<br/>Part refuse</b> | <b>Withdrawn /<br/>Invalid</b> | <b>Conservation Area</b>      |            |
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| <b>Decision notice</b>    | <p>Refuse: 1no. Ash (T1) - Remove</p> <p>REASON FOR REFUSAL:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is alleged that this tree has early signs of ash dieback disease. At the time of inspection (November), there were no obvious signs of this disease. Bud coverage was normal for the species and there</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |

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|                                     | <p>were no signs of dieback or abnormal numbers of dead branches. Current industry best-practice does not recommend the pre-emptive felling of healthy ash trees. The proposed felling would remove the visual amenity currently provided by the tree and has not yet been fully justified.</p> <p>Consent to: 1no. Yew (T2) - Trimming the south face over the garden, up to 0.5m &amp; then a selective reduction of errant longer limbs by up to 1m no greater than 30mm in Dia, again on south face.</p> |           |             |
| Conditions                          | Standard of work / in accordance with BS3998:2010.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |           |             |
| Notes to applicant                  | Although the tree appeared in normal health at the time of inspection, the Council has not had the benefit of inspecting the tree while it is in leaf. If you consider that the tree is in poor health, you may wish to resubmit this application in late spring/summer 2025. However, please note that early-stage ash dieback disease symptoms may still not justify the felling of the tree.                                                                                                              |           |             |
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| Parish comments                     | None received                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |             |
| Public objection/<br>support        | Support                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Objection | Observation |
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| Objection/ support<br>consideration |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |           |             |