

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form						
Application Number	T/24/98436					
Surveyor	AM					
Address	15 BOSVILLE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4QA					
Proposed work	1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Reduction by 2m, back to suitable growth points, leaving the tree in a natural balanced shape. Ongoing maintenance plan for this tree, located in front garden in close proximity to the property.					
Assessment Date	19 th November 2024					
Officer comments	The application birch is protected as an individual tree under TPO ref: 318-E. It measures approximately 18m tall x 40cm dbh (estimated by eye). The crown divides at approximately 2m above ground level into an ascending branch structure of reasonable form. Tree health seems normal. The tree is sited in the front garden of the property and is clearly visible to the public. It's one of many trees in the area contributing to its verdant character and softening the built form. The proposal is to reduce the tree by 2m. The reason put forward for this is for an ongoing maintenance plan and that it is located close to property. It is not stated what the maintenance plan sets out to achieve nor has any evidence been supplied which would imply that the tree poses a foreseeable risk to the property. Even if skilfully carried out, crown reduction would result in an unnatural form. Birch as a genus does not tolerate pruning; decay and dieback from pruning wounds is common. The proposed works would be harmful to public amenity as the natural form of the tree would be immediately diminished. It is likely that the contribution of the tree would be significantly reduced. The proposed works have not been sufficiently justified. As such, this application should be refused permission.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	REFUSE PERMISSION: 1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Reduction by 2m, back to suitable growth points, leaving the tree in a natural balanced shape. REASON FOR REFUSAL:					

	1. T1 is sited in the front garden of the property, clearly visible to the public from the adjacent road and providing benefit in terms of public, visual amenity. The proposed crown reduction has not been sufficiently justified. The natural form of the tree would be compromised. There would likely be significant impact to tree health therefore reducing its life expectancy and its ongoing contribution to visual amenity. In the absence of any compelling reason to reduce the tree, this application has been refused permission.		
Conditions	N/A		
Notes to applicant	N/A		
Parish comments	Refer to tree officer for expert opinion.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration			