

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/98477
Surveyor	SK/IF
Address	Vanbrugh House, Grange Drive, Hedge End, SO30 2FL
Proposed work	1no. Monterey Pine (T2) - Remove torn limbs and crown lift to 5.3m 1no. Ash (T5) - Fell. 1no. Chestnut (T7) - Reduce away from building to leave a 2m clearance. 1no. Birch (T9) - Fell. 1no. Willow (T10) - Pollard to 6m. 1no. Group of Oak, Alder, Birch & Crack Willow (G13) - Crown lift oaks, alders and birch to 5.3m N aspect. Pollard crack willows to a height of 6m. Reason: As a result of Tree survey for the potential to cause damage and/or harm for insurance and liability.
Assessment Date	04/12/2024
Officer comments	The trees in the proposal are all located within the grounds of the office building off Grange Drive, Hedge End. They provide various degrees of public amenity depending on their location. 1no. Monterey Pine (T2) – mature specimen, very high public amenity, visible from the main road. 2 potentially dead limbs with previous tear outs were observed. Removal to a larger diameter section is deemed justified due to medium targets but not back to the stem as it would add to multiple wounds existing along the stem already and make the tree vulnerable to entering pathogens and diseases. 5.3m crown lift over the central drive is deemed excessive considering the use of building for offices, 4.5m crown lift over the central part of drive only with cut size limited to 75mm is more acceptable for the management of the tree in its location. 1no. Ash (T5) is located within the rear grounds of the building but can still be seen over the roof top providing limited public amenity. It is difficult to conclusively decide on the presence of ash die back disease at this time of the year with no foliage present, however, considering good appearance of buds, overall crown form and density, lack of fungi or decay in the small successfully occluding cavity at 2m on the northern side and lack of evidence of excessive branch shedding underneath the tree the felling proposal is regarded unjustified. Applicant can consider providing more evidence next growing season if the tree fails to flush.

	1no. Chestnut (T7) – a medium sized tree located in the rear grounds, currently branches are in contact with the gutter, actionable nuisance and it is therefore deemed reasonable to prune away from the building to provide 2m clearance with cut size limited to 70mm. 1no. Birch (T9) - the twin stemmed tree is in the last stages of its lifetime, multiple cavities along the stems and at base and although the tree displays good reaction wood it is deemed justified to fell based on the condition and low public amenity value with a condition to replant. 1no. Willow (T10) – mature tree within rear grounds with natural lean and no direct targets. Considering species and low public amenity the proposal to pollard at 6m considered justified. 1no. Group of Oak, Alder, Birch & Crack Willow (G13) – line of trees along the parking spaces and overhanging the meadow adjacent to Grange Road. Good vertical clearance over the car park was observed during the site visit, 5.3. crown lift is deemed excessive for this location. Pollarding of multistemmed crack willows is considered reasonable based on species and amenity but the applicant should be aware that this will create a management regime for the trees with recurring costs.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Monterey Pine (T2) - Remove torn limbs and crown lift to 5.3m. 1no. Ash (T5) - Fell. 1no. Group of Oak, Alder, Birch & Crack Willow (G13) - Crown lift oaks, alders and birch to 5.3m N aspect. Consent to: 1no. Monterey Pine (T2) - Remove torn limbs back to a larger diameter section and not back to the stem. Crown lift to 4.5m over the central drive only with cut size limited to 75mm. 1no. Chestnut (T7) - Reduce away from building to leave a 2m clearance. 1no. Birch (T9) – Fell and replant. 1no. Willow (T10) - Pollard to 6m. 1no. Group of Oak, Alder, Birch & Crack Willow (G13) - Crown lift oaks, alders and birch to 4.5m N aspect. Pollard crack willows to a height of 6m.					

Conditions	Replace of 1no. Birch (T9) with 1no. Dawn Redwood to be planted at the same location.		
Notes to applicant			
Town Council comments	No Objection subject to the usual tree officer conditions and a request is made to replant a suitable replacement.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration			