

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/98754								
Surveyor	AM								
Address	15 SPRUCE DRIVE, THORNHILL, SOUTHAMPTON, SO19 6DU								
Proposed work	1no. Hornbeam (T1, originates from woodland behind rear boundary) - Reduce lowest western lateral branches by max 3m from branch tips or nearest live/suitable growth points, blending upper crown with reduction. No pruning wounds to exceed 75mm. Reason - Branches extending/encroaching over boundary.								
Assessment Date	27 th February 2025								
Officer comments	The application hornbeam is protected by TPO No.2, dated 1948(!). It is sited in woodland just past the southern boundary of 15 Spruce Drive. The tree is multi-stemmed, measuring approx. 20-22m tall. The upper canopy is slightly sparse. Lateral growth overhangs at least half of the garden. The tree is visible as part of the woodland backdrop from Spruce Drive and from a path in the woodland to the south. However, it is one of many trees, unremarkable and by no means prominent. Trees of this species have a dense canopy while in leaf and given the proximity and orientation, this would be quite imposing to this and neighbouring properties. The proposal is to cut back lower overhanging branches by 3m, with maximum pruning wounds of 75mm diameter. The use of the word "<i>lower</i>" is ambiguous as does not specify to what height the works are planned to take place. This could be quite a lot for this tree, however the overall impact to public amenity would be minimal and outweighed by the benefit to resident's living conditions. As such, in this instance the proposed works are acceptable and should be permitted.								
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Raise no objection</td><td>TPO</td></tr> <tr> <td>X</td><td></td></tr> </table>	Raise no objection	TPO	X	
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Decision notice	GRANT PERMISSION: 1no. Hornbeam (T1) - Reduce lowest western lateral branches by max 3m from branch tips or nearest live/suitable growth points, blending upper crown with reduction. No pruning wounds to exceed 75mm.								

Conditions	Standard conditions (time, compliance with BS3998)		
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	None.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	None received.		