

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/98821				
Surveyor	AM				
Address	5 PINE ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1LQ				
Proposed work	1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Fell. Tree is in centre of the back garden, proposed to be felled due to disease which has worsened since council tree officers attendance 2012				
Assessment Date	13 th March 2025				
Officer comments	T1 is protected as T3 of TPO ref: 267. This tree is a mature silver birch measuring approx. 16m tall and with a stem diameter of approx. 40cm dbh. The crownbreak is at around 9-10m above ground level, although branch removal below this point has taken place. The tree is clearly stressed, with sparse bud coverage and several dead branches. The buttresses have been damaged in the distant past, the soil is compacted and there's a discrete area of dead bark at the root collar south side. This latter feature suggests there may be some decay within. The tree is partially visible from Pine Road, although only the upper parts of the crown over the bungalow and against a backdrop of other larger trees. The proposal is to fell the tree on the due to an unspecified disease. The application states that this was noted by an EBC Tree Officer in 2012 but I can find no correspondence to this effect. The application does not provide any evidence or diagnostic information on its condition. That being said, its evident from a visual inspection that its physiological condition is poor. This is systemic, through the whole crown. There is no sign that the tree will recover from this. The nature of silver birch is that they are generally quick to decline and I would expect this tree to be stone-dead within 5-10 years max. When the short remaining life expectancy is weighed up against the limited public views, on balance it is reasonable to grant permission to fell the tree.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection
	X				TPO
Decision notice	GRANT PERMISSION: 1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Fell				

Conditions	1 x replacement tree (<i>Betula pendula</i> , <i>Acer campestre</i> , <i>Prunus avium</i>)		
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	None.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	None received.		