

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99033
Surveyor	AM/IF
Address	5B NEILSON CLOSE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1GR
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce crown on South Easterly side by up to 4m to suitable cutting point, balance remainder of crown by reducing up to 1.5m all over. Leaving finished height approx. 20m, finished spread approx. 16m. 1no. Oak (T2) - Reduce crown on South Easterly side by up to 3.5m to suitable cutting point, balance remainder of crown by reducing up to 1.5m all over. Leaving finished height approx. 20m, finished spread approx. 14m. Reason for both, to reduce weight on leaning side & balance for general health/ maintenance. 1no. Ash (T3) - Remove to ground. Ash dieback/dying. To eliminate risk of failing. 1no. Silver Birch (T4) - Reduce height by up to 2.5m to a suitable cutting point, leaving finished height approx. 11m. Reduce sides of crown by up to 1.5m all over to suitable cutting point, leaving spread approx. 5m. General maintenance, allow light into garden/property. 1no. Hazel (T5) - Coppice to ground. Tree is in poor state. Coppicing will allow healthy regrowth.
Assessment Date	13/03/2025
Officer comments	Trees 1no. Ash (T3), 1no. Hazel (T5) and 1no. Silver Birch (T4) are subject to TPO 60-E (W1). Trees are all located in the front however due to the position of the property at the end of the close and tucked away only T3 provides public amenity. The applicant cited ash die back as the reason for proposed fell, generally >50% die back of the crown or presence of fungi/other factors that could compromise the affected tree's stability would allow to conclude the tree is not likely to recover. ADB claim will require more evidence possibly when the tree flushes later in the summer. As observed, the tree's condition does not warrant permission to fell on safety grounds. The applicant can resubmit when the tree is in leaf and ADB extent is more obvious. Proposed works on T4 and T5 are considered justified due to lack of public amenity. 2no. Oak (T1 and T2) are subject to TPO 297-E (G31), both are large sized trees visible over the rooftops and belong to a line of large oaks running between the properties in Neilson Close and Brownhill Close offering good level of public amenity. T2 has a healthy crown, a natural lean

	towards the property, no encroachment at the time of the site visit. The 3.5m reduction on SE and 1.5m all over is considered excessive considering lack of evidence to support the proposal citing reducing weight on the leaning side as the reason. Smaller reduction which will have less impact on the tree's public amenity is deemed more reasonable. T1 has a much lower density less healthy crown compared to the neighbouring oak trees, multiple recent tear outs on the limbs. The proposed work is considered justified due to the reasons above and is not likely to have a long-term detrimental effect on the tree's vitality.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Oak (T2) - Reduce crown on South Easterly side by up to 3.5m to suitable cutting point, balance remainder of crown by reducing up to 1.5m all over. Leaving finished height approx. 20m, finished spread approx. 14m. 1no. Ash (T3) - Remove to ground. Consent: 1no. Oak (T2) – Crown reduction of up to 1.5m all around. 1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce crown on South Easterly side by up to 4m to suitable cutting point, balance remainder of crown by reducing up to 1.5m all over. 1no. Silver Birch (T4) - Reduce height by up to 2.5m to a suitable cutting point, leaving finished height approx. 11m. Reduce sides of crown by up to 1.5m all over to suitable cutting point, leaving spread approx. 5m. 1no. Hazel (T5) - Coppice to ground.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None received.					
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection		Observation		
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Objection/ support consideration						