

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99046
Surveyor	IF
Address	301 HURSLEY ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5PJ
Proposed work	1no. Beech (T1) - Crown reduction from 20m to 15m. 1no. Sweet Chestnut (T2) - Crown reduction from 20m to 15m. The 2 trees in the front garden stand at 20m & block the sun to the rear garden. In addition as they are at 20m & in close proximity to the house there is a risk of falling branches to damage the house. 1no. Sweet Chestnut (T3, originates from No. 299) - Partial reduction to previous cuts. Overhangs property.
Assessment Date	02/04/2025
Officer comments	Trees are subject to TPO 235-E: T1 Beech is T46, T2 Sweet Chestnut belongs to G11 and T3 Sweet Chestnut is T44. All 3 trees are healthy mature specimens and offer high public amenity as can be seen from the main road and surrounding areas. T1 and T2 are located within the front garden of 301 Hursley Road. On the application form the applicant answered that they do not fear the trees will break or fall. The height of trees in itself does not warrant permission to reduce them without any supporting evidence there is a risk of failure due to disease or decay. Reduction of height by 5m equals to topping and is not a good practice according to British Standards 3998:2010: "It is generally undesirable to wound trees so severely that major dieback or extensive decay are likely to ensue. Accordingly, severe crown reduction, which at its most extreme equates to topping, should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk to people or property, or would be susceptible to loss due to structural collapse." In addition, T1 is a beech which are especially prone to development of decay in large pruning wounds which the proposed works will result in so is likely to have a long-term detrimental effect on its health and vitality. Significant reduction of height will negatively affect the trees' visual amenity. At present, there is no encroachment onto built structures or any other actionable nuisance, therefore, the proposed 5m reduction is considered unjustified. T3 is located within 299 Hursley Road and currently overhangs 301 Hursley Road to the side of the building. There are historic reduction points on this side of the tree and it is deemed reasonable to allow removal of the regrowth back to previous points. The applicant will need

	to seek the tree owner's permission if they require access to their land to carry out the works.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Beech (T1) - Crown reduction from 20m to 15m. 1no. Sweet Chestnut (T2) - Crown reduction from 20m to 15m. Consent: 1no. Sweet Chestnut (T3, originates from No. 299) - Partial reduction to previous cuts.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None received.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration						