

## Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

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| <b>Application Number</b> | T/25/99160                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Surveyor</b>           | IF                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Address</b>            | 3 CHARNWOOD GARDENS, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5QR                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Proposed work</b>      | 1no. Fir (T1) - Fell. Tree is located on boundary, adjacent to woodland, with its growth weighted towards the property. Tree is large & dominates the small garden space, creating an overpowering presence. Given its location at the edge of the woodland, its removal is not expected to have a negative impact on the overall amenity value of the area. To improve the balance & usability of the garden while ensuring the natural environment remains unaffected.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Assessment Date</b>    | 09/04/2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Officer comments</b>   | <p>TPO 58-H (W2), Local Nature Reserve Hocombe Mead, Site of Importance for Nature Conservation Hocombe Mead</p> <p>Tree ownership was incorrectly stated in the application form: the tree is not owned by the applicant. The Norway Spruce T1 is located outside the boundary of 3 Charnwood Gardens and within Hocombe Mead Nature Reserve which is owned and managed by EBC.</p> <p>The tree appears healthy and is visible over the roof tops and between the properties – it provides public amenity to the immediate area and is part of the tree line forming a woodland edge backing onto the houses. No major safety concerns have been expressed in the proposal and application form; the agent who submitted the form on the residents' behalf answered "no" to the question whether the tree is diseased or they fear it might break or fall. However, during the site visit the residents' daughter expressed concerns regarding a potential failure of the tree due to steepness of the bank it is situated on. As agreed with the residents' daughter a follow up inspection of the bank and the tree from the Nature Reserve side was carried out by 2 arboricultural inspectors on April 15<sup>th</sup>. No concerns regarding the health or safety of the tree have been raised and no other foreseeable issues identified. Currently, the tree's roots contribute to the stability of the soil at this location, removal of the tree is likely to result in erosion of the bank. The reasons for fell expressed in the proposal such as insignificant amenity loss in case of the tree's removal and overpowering presence of the tree in the residents' garden are not deemed sufficient:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The tree forms a woodland edge of the Site of Importance for Nature Conservation Hocombe Mead and has public amenity and visibility</li> </ol> |

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|                                             | <p>2. The tree does not overhang the property directly, there is no encroachment onto built structures or any other actionable nuisance at present.</p> <p>The residents' daughter suggested reduction of height as an alternative to felling, however, as advised on site, topping healthy trees for height is poor arboricultural practice especially considering species of the tree and its current shape. The tree is owned by EBC.</p> |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |
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| <b>Decision</b>                             | <b>Consent</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Refuse</b> | <b>Part consent/<br/>Part refuse</b> | <b>Withdrawn<br/>/ Invalid</b> | <b>Conservation Area</b>      |            |
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| <b>Decision notice</b>                      | Refuse: 1no. Fir (T1) - Fell.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |
| <b>Conditions</b>                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |
| <b>Notes to applicant</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |
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| <b>Parish comments</b>                      | None received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |
| <b>Public objection/<br/>support</b>        | Support                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |               | Objection                            |                                | Observation                   |            |
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| <b>Objection/ support<br/>consideration</b> | Support comment submitted by the resident' daughter have been considered during the decision-making process and is addressed in the officer's comments above.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |               |                                      |                                |                               |            |