

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99177
Surveyor	AM
Address	81 Lakewood Rd, Chandlers Ford, SO53 5AD
Proposed work	1no. Pine (T1) - Fell to ground level. Signs of decay as stated in the tree report within the application. The tree owners are happy to plant a replacement tree following an approved removal. The removal of T1 presents a limited impact of the overall amenity of the area.
Assessment Date	24 th April 2025
Officer comments	Mature Scots pine measuring in excess of 20m tall and with a stem diameter estimated by eye to be around 75cm dbh. Reduced vitality shown by low needle density, occasional tip dieback and poor occlusion of aerial wounds in stem/branches. The tree is visible from Lakewood Road, albeit it as a rear garden tree. It forms part of the verdant backdrop and contributes to the overall sylvan character of the area. It offers reasonable benefit in terms of public, visual amenity. The application is supported by a report from an Arboriculturist. This describes several structural issues in the stem and butt. There are several wounds within the crown that have been aerially inspected/photographed. One of these shows cubical brown rot. The other shows a void of indeterminate depth. With other wounds to the stem, it is likely that there is a coalescing column of decay through the upper stem. The application also refers to basal decay although this is not described in much detail. I've traced around the western root collar and found a heavily decayed buttress with bark bleeds to approx. 50cm above. The south-west buttress has audible decay at the point it meets the ground. Between these two buttresses is a gap where there was a smaller tree or shrub (long dead) and there are growth abnormalities relating to this but also several unexpected sections of adaptive growth/swellings, potentially in response to decay. There is necrotic bark within this area. There are <i>Armillaria</i> sp. (honey fungus) rhizomes visible within the soil adjacent to this. The dysfunction around the root collar in combination with the thinning crown likely relate to this pathogen. As a stressed tree, it is unlikely to be able to make a favourable growth response to any resulting

	decay. As such, this is likely to progress leading to the tree becoming increasingly unstable.					
	Taking into account the basal decay, likely column of decay in the upper stem and the weakened crown, felling the tree is reasonable. Otherwise, there is a foreseeable risk of whole tree failure into a private garden.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
	X					
Decision notice	Grant permission: 1no. Pine (T1) - Fell to ground level					
Conditions	Replacement with either male clones of maidenhair tree (<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> Autumn Gold', 'Lakeview' or 'Princeton Sentry'), Dutch elm disease-resistant elm (<i>Ulmus</i> 'New Horizon') or small-leaved lime (<i>Tilia cordata</i>).					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	None received.					