

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/98509				
Surveyor	SK/IF				
Address	9 WAVERLEY COURT, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5AS				
Proposed work	2no. Monterey Pine (T1 & T2) - Fell.				
Assessment Date	04/12/2024				
Officer comments	T1 and T2 are large specimen of Monterey Pine in a group of 4 trees to the front of these properties. They provide very high public amenity and can be seen from many surroundings roads. During the site visit, a fruiting body of Sparassis crispa fungi was observed near the base and growing out of the roots of T1, the crown is somewhat sparse compared to the other trees in the group. The Picus test results confirm decay within the trunk at a ratio exceeding safe parameters and given the size and natural lean towards the properties it is reasonable to conclude the tree can be removed on safety grounds and subject to replant condition, a native Scots Pine will fit the characteristics of the area whilst being more manageable in terms of size considering the presence of other mature trees on site. T2 has no evidence of fungi activity, bark damage in places appears to be caused by mechanical impact rather than disease or pathogens. Tree has a natural lean; no signs of soil movement or root heave were observed during the site visit. It has been proposed to remove the tree due to increasing wind load once T1 is removed, however, considering the prevailing south-west wind vector and position of T1 in relation to T2 it is unlikely that removal of T1 will have a large impact on T2 in terms of shelter provision. The tree has lost some limbs in the past, however, appears to be in good health and vitality as confirmed by Picus test results showing 85% of solid wood within the stem; the trees were retained through planning and development of this area due to their high public amenity and prominence. Considering all the above, the proposed felling of T2 is considered unjustified.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
			x		
Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Monterey Pine (T2) – Fell. Consent to: 1no. Monterey Pine (T1) – Fell and replant.				

Conditions	T1 to be replaced by 1no. Scots Pine of 2.5m tall min.		
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	HPC Members agreed to concur with the Arboriculturalist at Eastleigh Borough Council but would like to request that a new tree is planted in the same area as the felled tree.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	1	0
Objection/ support consideration	Objection comment and a request of Hound Parish Council have been considered during the decision-making process.		