

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	NC/25/99194					
Surveyor	AM					
Address	58 VICTORIA ROAD, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5DQ					
Proposed work	1no. Silver Birch (T1) - Fell. Would like to cut the tree down, due to the size & proximity to my property & neighbours' properties. During storms a worry that the tree may come down. If this were to happen it would damage my house & a number of neighbouring properties. Happy to plant another smaller tree further to the end of the garden which doesn't have such strong pollen & would not cause my family & neighbours any problems.					
Assessment Date	29 th April 2025					
Officer comments	The notification silver birch is a mature tree which has been topped at approx. 4m and 8m above ground level. There is a large cavity forming in the lower stem where a secondary stem was removed. The crown is outwardly healthy. Overall, the tree is of poor form and has a considerably reduced life expectancy owing to its previous management. The tree is only visible with difficulty to the from surrounding roads although is overlooked by a number of properties from their rear gardens. Not all parts of the tree are visible to the public, only glimpses of part of the crown. Our consideration in the circumstances is whether the tree would justify making a new TPO. Unfortunately, the overall poor condition, short life expectancy and limited public visibility preclude it from being protected by TPO. As such, the proposed felling cannot reasonably be prevented. We received an objection from a member of the public; this described the value of the tree in terms of biodiversity, visual amenity and carbon capture. We can only consider visual amenity, other subjects are given little weight in the circumstances. As above, its poor condition, short life expectancy and lack of significant public visibility preclude it from TPO protection.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
					X	
Decision notice	No objection					
Conditions	N/A					

Notes to applicant	N/A		
Parish comments	None.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	4	1	0
Objection/ support consideration	I object to the felling of trees in the local conservation area. This tree, being a native species, will likely be of high biodiversity value and well used by local wildlife which is in decline, particularly bird species. It forms part of the green corridor from Westwood to Royal Victoria Country Park. This tree also has amenity value when viewed from New Road. Eastleigh Borough Council has declared a "Climate Change and Environmental Emergency" and therefore, green assets, along with trees, should be protected, along with their associated carbon-capture, biodiversity gains, and wildlife amenity value. The enforcement of the 'conservation area' status is vital to maintain the character and enjoyment of the village. (AM response in "Officer Comments"). 4 x letters of support supplied with the s211 notice – these are noted AM.		