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SPECIAL BRANCH TREE SERVICES  
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| Application    | T/25/99183               |
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Tuesday 13 May 2025

**The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012**  
**The Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

Application No. T/25/99183

In pursuance of their powers under the above Act and in accordance with your application received on Friday 4 April 2025 the Council, as Local Planning Authority hereby **Refuse Tree Consent** For the following :

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| <b>Description:</b> | 2no. Birch (T1 & T2) - Crown reduce & reshape by circa 1-1.5 m to suitable growth points, minimising pruning cuts to 50 mm in diameter. Prune for ongoing routine maintenance & management. |
| <b>Site:</b>        | 44 VALLEY ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1GP                                                                                                                                        |

For the following reasons:

- 1 REFUSE: 2no. Birch (T1 & T2) - Crown reduce & reshape by circa 1-1.5 m to suitable growth points, minimising pruning cuts to 50 mm in diameter. Prune for ongoing routine maintenance & management.

Reason for refusal: The silver birch trees referenced in the application were found to be in satisfactory condition during the site visit. These trees are clearly visible to the public from Valley Road and Neilson Close, contributing significantly to the visual amenity of the area.

The proposed crown reductions, albeit relatively minor, have not been sufficiently justified within the application. The application states that the proposed work is for reasons of "ongoing routine maintenance & management", however there is no history of works of this nature to these trees. Silver birch as a species is

known to be intolerant of pruning and there is a foreseeable risk that both would deteriorate as a result. This would result in premature loss of amenity. In the absence of sound arboricultural reasoning, the application has been refused permission.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Nicholas Parker  
Planning Manager

N.B. See Attached Notes