

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99477
Surveyor	AM
Address	4 BEECHWOOD RISE, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON
Proposed work	6no. Chestnut (T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 & T6, originating from EBC land beyond rear boundary) - Pruning of branches back to tree stump so that the branches do not fall onto the property boundary.
Assessment Date	16 th June 2025
Officer comments	The application sweet chestnuts are protected within a woodland classification under TPO ref: 2-H. This protects all trees within a defined area, regardless of when they started growing. The trees stand on the western edge of a woodland sited between Moorhill Road and the Applicant's property. There is no public access within the woodland. The trees are publicly visible from the public highway on Beechwood Rise (marked with arrows, below):   The proposal is to cut all three trees back to the boundary. This has been proposed so that branches do not fall into the property. No evidence has been supplied to demonstrate that any of the branches are at foreseeable risk of falling into the property.

	The trees are visually healthy. They are sited a few metres back from the boundary. They overhang the rear garden of the Applicant's property by approx. 3m. As the trees are on the woodland edge, much of their crowns overhang the Applicant's garden. Cutting back all branches overhanging the boundary would remove substantial volumes of foliage which would cause physiological stress to the trees. Wounds would be vulnerable to decay organisms. As such, the proposal should be refused permission. However, lesser works (crownlifting) could be carried out without impacting the publicly visual appearance of the trees.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	REFUSE PERMISSION: 6no. Chestnut (T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 & T6, originating from EBC land beyond rear boundary) - Pruning of branches back to tree stump so that the branches do not fall onto the property boundary. Reason for refusal: The sweet chestnuts (T1-6) are woodland edge trees which are visible to the public from Beechwood Rise. The proposal to remove all overhang back to the boundary would leave the trees bare on one side, adversely impacting on public views of the woodland. No evidence has been supplied that would demonstrate that any are at foreseeable risk of failure into the garden. The resulting impact to tree health and public, visual amenity has therefore not been justified. GRANT PERMISSION: 6no. Chestnut (T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 & T6, originating from EBC land beyond rear boundary) - Crownlift to 5m above ground level over the gardens of 3 and 4 Beechwood Rise.					
Conditions	BS3998					
Notes to applicant	*COMMON LAW RIGHTS/ACCESS TO NEIGHBOURING LAND ETC*					
Parish comments	None.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	Neighbour: I am delighted to support this application as the tree in question also overhangs my garden at 3 Beechwood Rise, as do additional adjacent trees, subject of your existing Case 00804098.					

	May I respectfully suggest that the two issues be considered in conjunction so that the allocated tree surgeons may redress both with one visit. The trees overhanging my garden now do so by some 10/15 feet and are an eyesore. The chaps from Shawyers who carried out work last year agreed that they needed pruning but could not proceed without your authorisation. I raised this at the time but was told that I would have to wait until this year. AM comment: Noted; the works are proposed by the resident of No.4 Beechwood Rise. Any grant of consent does not compel a tree owner to carry out the work.
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