

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	NC/25/99474					
Surveyor	AM					
Address	RIVER LODGE, 4 HAMBLE WOOD, BOTLEY					
Proposed work	1no. Willow (T1) - Reduce willow over outdoor kitchen area & pool by up to 4m on lateral branches, round top edge over if possible. Crown raise over neighbours garden & river 2-2.5m to provide adequate clearance for family to safely walk past tree. 1no. Sycamore (T2) - Reduce lateral branches of sycamore on garden side only by up to 2m.					
Assessment Date	17 th July 2025 (resident present)					
Officer comments	The willow (T1) has previously been reduced (NC/20/89176) and has several metres of regrowth from the pruned branch ends. As is typical of the species, this is rapidly growing and hangs down around the tree providing a pleasing form, one that is associated with riverside views. The proposed pruning is not a significant departure from previously approved works. Whilst the regrowth would be absent for a while after the work, it will inevitably regrowth in the same manner it did previously, without long-term, adverse impact to public, visual amenity nor the character of the conservation area. The sycamore (T2) has previously been reduced on the garden side (NC/16/78624). The proposes reduction of lateral branches to the same side will be of little impact to the visual appearance of the tree. It will roughly shorten those branches by half, with relatively small resulting pruning wounds. In the case of a s211, our options are either to prevent the proposed/notified works by imposing a TPO, to raise no objection or to allow the 6 week notification period to lapse. The latter two options effectively allow the work to take place. Given the past pruning history of both trees and the relatively minor impact of what is proposed, it would be unreasonable to impose a TPO. As such, no objection is raised.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
					X	
Decision notice	No objection: 1no. Willow (T1) - Reduce willow over outdoor kitchen area & pool by up to 4m on lateral branches, round top edge over if possible. Crown raise over neighbours garden & river 2-2.5m.					

	1no. Sycamore (T2) - Reduce lateral branches of sycamore on garden side only by up to 2m.		
Conditions			
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	BPC: This was debated at last night's Planning & Highways Committee meeting and members unanimously voted to raise an objection unless there are safety concerns. It is believed that it would change the character of the river and potentially unbalance the trees, purely for potentially cosmetic reasons. Ideally, members would have liked more information. AM comment: a s211 notice does not have to be supported by any information, only sufficient information to identify the trees and a work specification.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	None received.		