

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99726					
Surveyor	IF					
Address	34 HOCOMBE DRIVE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5QE					
Proposed work	1no. Silver Birch (T1, front garden)- Selective crown reduction by approximately 1.5 metres. The tree has grown large for its location and currently overhangs the property, posing a risk of damage to the roof and upper structure during high winds.					
Assessment Date	08/08/2025					
Officer comments	TPO 237-E T12 The large silver birch T1 is located in the front garden near the road, it is visible from all public areas and above the roof tops. It provides a very high level of public amenity due to its position and size. The tree appears healthy and currently has an adequate distance from the property, there is no direct overhang or encroachment as observed during the site visit (photos attached). The agent who submitted the application on the resident's behalf provided reasons for the proposed works as "posing a risk of damage to the roof and upper structure during high winds" however on the application form they answered "no" to the question if they "have fears the tree might break or fall". Neither have they provided any further evidence to support the proposal or their reasons such as an arboricultural report confirming the tree is compromised structurally or has any defects. Therefore, the proposed reduction works are not justified at this time. Birch trees generally show poor response to pruning as they are prone to decay and pathogens entering through pruning wounds (BS 3998 2010), therefore unnecessary pruning can have a detrimental effect on the tree's long-term health and vitality.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
		X			Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Silver Birch (T1, front garden)- Selective crown reduction by approximately 1.5 metres.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant						

Parish comments	None received.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration			





