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Tree Team  
Eastleigh Borough Council  
Eastleigh House  
Upper Market Street  
Eastleigh  
SO50 9YN.

Dear Tree team.

**RE: TREE WORKS APPLICATION AT 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 ROEBUCK CLOSE, BISHOPSTOKE, EASTLEIGH, SO50 6JS.**

**Brief:** To survey trees located within the side and rear gardens of five properties at Roebuck Close and consider their condition and suitability for continued retention.

**Survey Type:** All photographs, observations and measurements were taken from ground level.

**Inspected by:** J Christopher

**Dates of inspection:** 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Proposed tree works:** It is proposed to undertake works to nine trees within the properties.

## Assessment of the trees

All trees were visually assessed from ground level as far as access allowed. No climbing inspections or invasive examination techniques were carried out.

The surveyed trees are protected by an Area Tree Preservation Order 635/2008 - 86 Edward Avenue, Bishopstoke 2008, which protects all tree species located within the area designated as A1 on the document map.

It is my view that the trees proposed to be pruned or felled require this work as part of sound arboricultural management of the resource.

### 5 Roebuck Close.

T1 Oak is located to the western boundary of the property. Its canopy has grown beyond the building line of the property, with limb tips conflicting with the roof structure of the building. Pruning works are proposed to reduce the canopy extents of this tree by 2m to create a harmonious and manageable separation between the building and the tree.

T2 Sweet Chestnut is a young tree growing vigorously next to the property. It is my view that this tree and building relationship is unsustainable due to the expectation that this tree as it matures will be in constant conflict with the building. Works are proposed to fell this tree to ground level.

T3 Sycamore is a fully mature tree, that historically has lost a major stem. Some regrowth has occurred at the base of the lost stem. Extensive decay is found within a basal cavity, leaving the remaining original stem structurally insecure. The extent of the cavity could not be confirmed during the visual inspection due to the presence of an active wasps' nest within the base of the tree. Works are proposed to fell this tree to ground level.

T4 Sycamore contains significant dead wood within its crown. pruning out of dead wood is to be undertaken as part of the overall works.

### 6 Roebuck Close.

T5 Sycamore is a dead tree with extensive decay at its base. This tree will be felled to ground level as part of the overall works.

T6 Sycamore contains significant dead wood within its crown. pruning out of dead wood is to be undertaken as part of the overall works.

T7 Sycamore is a dead tree. This tree will be felled to ground level as part of the overall works.

### 7 Roebuck Close.

T8 Sycamore contains extensive decay at its base. *Kretzschmaria deusta* fungus is found at the base of the tree. This fungus causes root and butt rot of the host tree and once established the infection results in the death of the tree.

### 9 Roebuck Close.

T9 Sycamore is a multi-stemmed tree at its base. A long and overextended stem, emanating from the base of the tree is growing across the boundary and over neighbouring outbuildings. Its attachment point at the base of the tree is considered to be structurally poor. It is proposed that this stem will be pruned to source.

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The removal of trees T2 Sweet Chestnut, T3 Sycamore & T8 Sycamore is to be mitigated by the planting of new native and deciduous trees within the relevant rear gardens of the properties. I would recommend that fastigate English Oak plantings are appropriate for the properties and their growing locations.

The felling of dead trees T5 Sycamore & T7 Sycamore and removal of dead wood from T4 Sycamore & T6 Sycamore will be undertaken as an exemption to the Tree Preservation Order. This document is considered to be official notification to the Council of those exempt works.

Please see the accompanying tree location plan and photographs for further information.

Yours sincerely

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Arboricultural Consultant

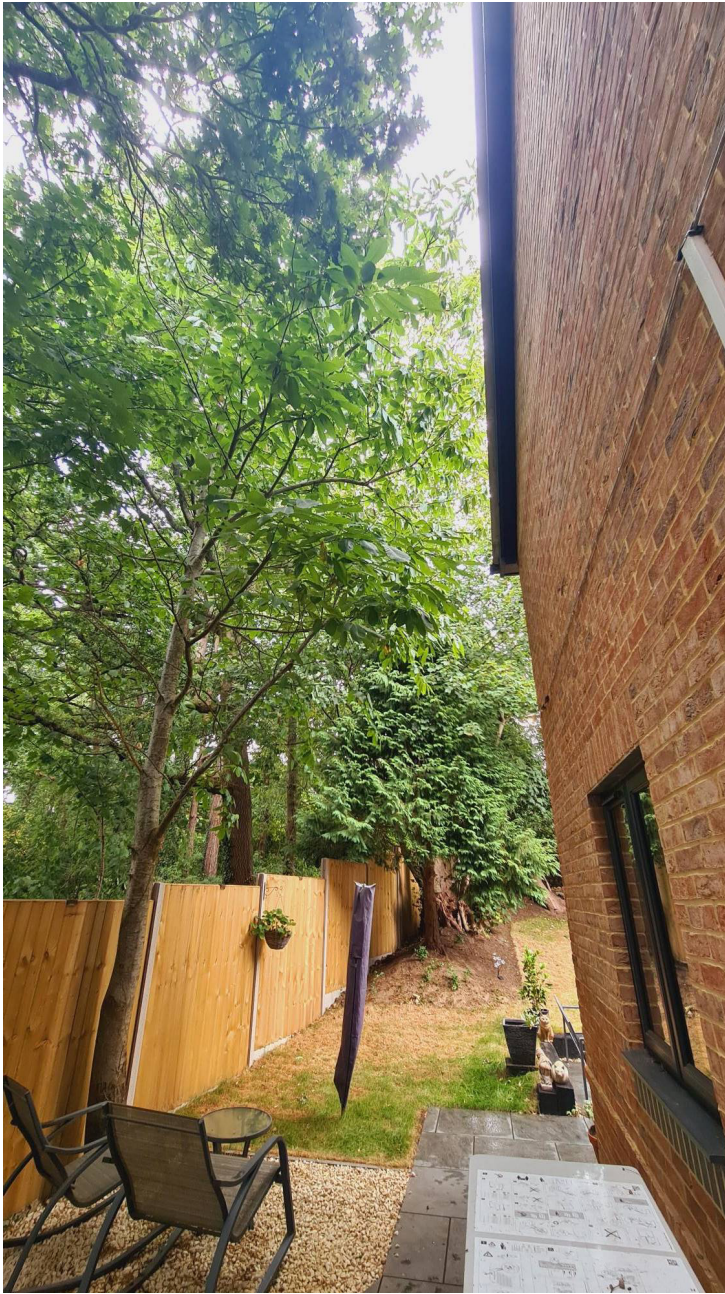


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T2 Sweet Chestnut, 5 Roebuck Close.

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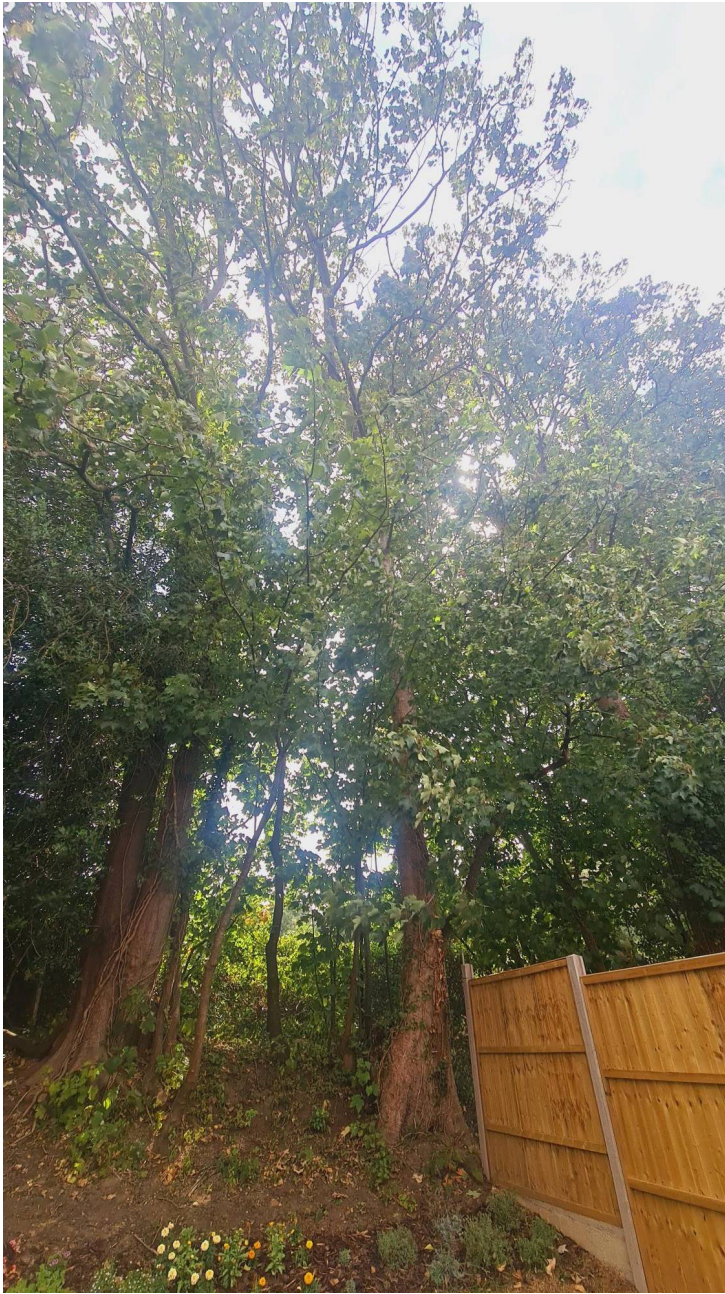
T7 Sycamore, 6 Roebuck Close.



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