

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99727					
Surveyor	IF					
Address	Flexford Nature Reserve, Land to the east of 19 Leven Close, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 4SH					
Proposed work	1no. Ash (T1) – Pollarding to a height of approx 6m. Tree is situated on bank of stream, growing towards & overhanging the adjacent residential property. The stream is actively eroding the bank, which is beginning to undermine the tree's root plate. Pollarding is proposed to significantly reduce sail effect & overall weight of canopy, thereby lowering risk of structural failure in the direction of the property. Proposed works are considered necessary to mitigate risk while preserving the tree in a form appropriate to its setting.					
Assessment Date	21/08/2025					
Officer comments	TPO 55-E (W1) The tree is situated on the edge of Flexford Nature Reserve which is managed by HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT WILDLIFE TRUST. It provides public amenity within the close due to its size. The proposed pollarding to the height of 6m is considered excessive in the absence of any other arboricultural evidence from the agent to prove the tree poses a risk to the property. The agent answered "no" to the question whether they fear the tree may fall or break on the application form. The photos show the tree has a reasonably full crown. Pollarding will significantly reduce the tree's amenity and will practically remove all photosynthetic material from the tree which will compromise its vitality and can lead to decline. The provided photos do warrant pruning away the side overhanging the boundary which will be deemed as a reasonable management. The applicant or agent may wish to contact HAMPSHIRE AND ISLE OF WIGHT WILDLIFE TRUST who can carry out a thorough assessment of the tree's health and vitality and make their informed decision regarding the management of the tree.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Ash (T1) – Pollarding to a height of approx 6m. Consent: 1no. Ash (T1) – Prune the property side by up to 1m.					
Conditions						

Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	None received.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration			