

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99847										
Surveyor	AM										
Address	38 THISTLE ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 0TT										
Proposed work	1no. Ash (originates beyond the fence) - Prune back to boundary. Reason: Because the tree is overhanging the customers property.										
Assessment Date	Previously visited 26 th June 2025										
Officer comments	The application ash is growing within W1 of TPO ref: 276, confirmed 21st July 1994. Woodland classifications protect all trees within the area marked on the TPO plan, regardless of their age. The woodland is designated a Local Nature Reserve and a non-statutory SINC. A public footpath runs immediately adjacent to T1 and T2. T1 is an early-mature, multi-stemmed ash. It's a woodland edge tree so has a naturally adopted lean towards the north. Vitality is normal. The proposal to cut back to the boundary would remove the majority of the crown, impacting on the long-term health of the tree. The reason put forward to support this does not seem compelling. HETC has objected to the application but offered an alternative, lesser specification; <i>crown reduce by 1.5m from the branch tips</i>. This would result in small diameter wounds of little consequence to tree health nor to visual amenity. On balance, this is an acceptable approach.										
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th colspan="2">Conservation Area</th></tr> <tr> <td>Raise no objection</td><td>TPO</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	Conservation Area		Raise no objection	TPO		
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Decision notice	REFUSE PERMISSION: 1no. Ash (originates beyond the fence) - Prune back to boundary REASON FOR REFUSAL: The proposed pruning would remove the majority, if not all of the crown of this tree. This would adversely impact on the visual amenity of the woodland edge and to the long-term health of the tree. This has not been justified within the application. Lesser works have been permitted (see below).										

	GRANT PERMISSION: 1no. Ash (originates beyond the fence) – Reduce height and spread by 1.5m.		
Conditions	BS3998		
Notes to applicant	Ownership		
Parish comments	Woodland edge Ash tree. The tree is an important amenity for the area providing ecological and aesthetic value. The proposal is not supported by any evidence or justification for carrying out the work, this is a requirement of TPO applications. I estimate that the reduction would be about 4 -5m if pruned to the boundary. Given the lack of supporting information and justification (to allow us to understand why this work is important), I'd recommend a lesser reduction or up to 1.5m. Object to pruning to the boundary. No objection to a lesser reduction of up to 1.5m from the branch tips.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	None received.		