

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99813				
Case Officer	Tree Officer				
Site assessment Date	16/09/2025				
Address	GLENFIELD, HAMBLE LANE, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8BR				
Work notification/ request	1no. Lime (T1, originates from No.44) - Crown Thinning of 30% to match neighbour's side. Crown Lift to clear cables & drive 7m. Crown Reduction of 4m over house & 3m elsewhere. Branches overhanging Hamble Lane have been hit by high lorry which brought debris down & potentially dangerous to traffic & pedestrians. 1no. Lime (T2, originates from No.44) - Crown Thinning of 25% to clear house causing blocked gutters which will damage fascia & eaves of property and to balance the look of house No. 45.				
Comments/ observations following site visit	T1 and T2 are good-sized lime trees situated on the boundary between Glenfield and 44/45 Woolwich Close. Given their size, situation and outwardly good health, the trees provide high levels of public amenity. T1 is the tree closest to the road. We have found no record that the tree has been previously thinned to 30%. Generally, thinning is not a productive form of management and we would advise against it. Lifting of the crown is deemed justified, but not by 7 metres, which is significantly higher than the dwelling and cables. We would suggest 5 metres, which can be applied over the highway as required to avoid traffic conflict. Finally, with regards to the crown reduction, we are not supportive of a crown reduction as per the proposal because it would remove a significant amount of photosynthetic material, potentially impacting the health of the tree, and would result in a negative impact on public amenity. We would, however, allow localised clearance of the dwelling by 3 metres to reduce conflict. Again, with T2, we are not generally supportive of thinning as a productive operation and thinning does not reduce the tree in the way that the proposal suggests. We would be supportive of a localised crown reduction on the dwelling side of the tree to clear it by 3 metres.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
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Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Lime (T1, originates from No.44) - Crown Thinning of 30% to match neighbour's side. Crown Lift to clear cables & drive 7m. Crown Reduction of 4m over house & 3m elsewhere.				

	1no. Lime (T2, originates from No.44) - Crown Thinning of 25% to clear house. CONSENT: T1 – Lime – Crown lift to 5 metres above ground level over application site and highway. Localised crown reduction to clear application dwelling by up to 3 metres. T2 – Lime - Localised crown reduction to clear application dwelling by up to 3 metres.		
Conditions	Standard		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		