

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/100122
Surveyor	AM
Address	73 ULLSWATER AVENUE, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO18 3QS
Proposed work	Fell 1 no. ash in rear garden of 73 Ullswater Avenue
Assessment Date	15 th September 2025
Officer comments	Note: application submitted as both trees in rear garden of 71. This is not the case; one tree is within the rear garden of 73. The application has since been split to cover each tree separately. T/25/99928 covers the tree in the garden of 71. TPO 169-E applies. Large, prominent tree growing within a confined garden, adjacent to a second ash of similar size, in the neighbour's garden. Highly visible to the public and offers significant benefit in terms of public amenity. Coincidentally, I've previously inspected these trees for Hampshire County Council Highways Arboriculture Team (from the roadside), recommending both trees be felled. My previous observations are still relevant. Tree at 71 (for info only) measures approx. 20m tall x 60-70cm dbh (estimated by eye). Fungal fruiting bodies of <i>Inonotus hispidus</i>* growing from stem at approx. 14m above ground level, visible from adjacent alley. Some dieback present, leaving small dead branches over the path. Tree at 73: Measures approx. 20m tall x 50cm dbh (estimated by eye). Fungal fruiting bodies of <i>Inonotus hispidus</i> growing from bulge in stem property/south side at similar height to large, open cavity north side. Several old, but large pruning wounds on stem. Likely coalescing column of decay. Large, open cavity measuring approx. 1m long x 0.3m wide, poorly occluded, at approx. 6m above ground level. *<i>Inonotus hispidus</i> is a significant species of wood decay fungi that commonly colonises ash trees. It is often associated with old wounds and branch tear-outs. It decays affected branches and stems, generally hollowing them out and causing them to become weakened and prone to failure.

	As above, the decay fungus has been present for at least three years. There is a real risk that either tree could fail midway up the stems or shed major branches which are decayed within their points of attachment. This is not compatible with either the safe use of either the residential property or public highway. As such, the application should be granted permission.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
	X					
Decision notice	Grant consent: Fell 1 no. ash in rear garden of 73 Ullswater Avenue					
Conditions	Replacement planting.					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	Fully support this application. This tree overhangs our garden considerably with large branch debris falling into the garden often during stormier weather. Whilst no right to light, this tree does block light to the rear of our property and we suffer terribly during winter months with excessive garden mold due to the lack of sunlight. Please fell this tree. Thank you.					