

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/100159				
Surveyor	IF				
Address	5 WALNUT CLOSE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5RQ				
Proposed work	3no. silver birch (T1-3): Crown reduce by 1.5-3.0m in height and 1-2m in spread. Pruning wounds not to exceed 60mm diameter				
Assessment Date	10/10/2025				
Officer comments	TPO 242-E (G6), confirmed 29.09.1993 No answer at the door. 3no. birch (T1, T2, T3) are located within the rear garden of number 6 and form a cohesive canopy. They are visible over the rooftops and provide high public amenity within the close. From viewing at the side of number 5 it doesn't look like there is any encroachment onto the property and there is an adequate vertical and horizontal clearance between the branches and the ground/built structures. The agent mentioned that trees are "mature and belong to a pioneer species" therefore should be reduced in height. We do not find these reasons to be sufficient. They also mentioned that the trees haven't been pruned for a long time, however, on checking our records no planning permissions have been issued for this group of trees for crown/height reductions, only crown thin by 10% had been consented to in 2002, T/10735/004/00. Birch species do not respond well to pruning as they become susceptible to pathogens and disease entering through the wounds (BS 3998:2010). This can lead to a rapid decline and increase safety risks such as branch failure. The proposed height reduction will affect the trees' public amenity as they will no longer be visible over the properties. The agent answered "no" on the application form regarding whether they "have fear the trees might break or fall", neither have they provided any evidence the trees pose danger. Based on the above, the proposal is considered unjustified at this time. The applicants/agent are welcome to submit another application with supporting evidence such as arboricultural report demonstrating that the trees are structurally compromised, affected by pathogens/fungi, deceased or is at risk of falling. Dead branches can be removed without planning permission.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection
		X			TPO
Decision notice	Refuse: 3no. silver birch (T1-3): Crown reduce by 1.5-3.0m in height and 1-2m in spread.				

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