

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/100294
Surveyor	AM
Address	HAMBLE MANOR, GREEN LANE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE
Proposed work	1no. Sweet Chestnut - Crown Lift to a height of 4m from the ground to provide clearance for residents to walk under safely.
Assessment Date	11 th December 2025
Officer comments	The application sweet chestnut is protected as T8 of TPO ref: 117, confirmed 12th December 1961. The tree also stands in the Hamble Conservation Area. The tree is clearly visible from Green Lane. It stands in on a large lawn with several footpaths crossing beneath it. It has a pleasing mushroom-shaped canopy having regrown well since previously being topped. Respondents to the public consultation have advised that residents enjoy sitting in its shade. There seems to be little else opportunity for shade in this large garden so this comment should be given reasonable weight. The tree has had lower branches recently cut back, often to non-target pruned stubs. This leaves the lowest branches over paths at around 1.9m above ground level. As shown by the photograph attached to the application, these hang lower when in leaf/heavy in nut. 11th December 2025, from Green Lane The application states that the proposed crownlift is necessary to enable people to walk beneath it. 4m is in excess of standard pedestrian clearance (HCC standard is 2.4m over footways). It would remove a

substantial amount of the lower crown and compromise its otherwise pleasing form. There seems to be no need to prune to provide a higher clearance. Indeed, in doing so to 4m, this could/would result in primary branches/maturing epicormic growth being removed from the stem.



11th December 2025, from access to car park, showing current clearance over path

The extent of proposed work would likely be tolerated by the tree without significant adverse impact; healthy sweet chestnuts typically respond well to pruning due to the combination of their durable heartwood and their abundance of adventitious buds.

Although the work would be tolerated by the tree, the proposed works are excessive. They will be harmful to the visual appearance of the tree, the amenity that it provides and to the character of the Conservation Area. As such, the application should be refused permission but lesser works should be permitted.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE PERMISSION: 1no. Sweet Chestnut - Crown Lift to a height of 4m from the ground to provide clearance for residents to walk under safely. Reason: The proposed crownlift to 4m is excessive. No advice has been provided as to why it is unsafe to walk beneath the tree. The proposed crownlift is in excess of the County standard of 2.3m over and 500mm behind the back edge of footways. Crownlifting as high as 4m above ground level, around the entire tree, will be harmful to its visual					

	appearance, amenity value and to the character of the Hamble Conservation Area. GRANT PERMISSION: 1no.Sweet Chestnut – Crownlift to 2.5m above ground level by pruning of secondary branches only; primary branches must not be removed.		
Conditions	BS3998		
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	None.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	3	0
Objection/ support consideration	Letter representing 3 residents. Objection summary as follows: <i>Noting the tree DOES have a TPO</i> AM response: Noted. <i>Not everyone has been consulted</i> AM response: There is no legal obligation to consult everyone who could be affected, or who can see a tree. We consulted 17 separate addresses identified as potentially affected by our planning mapping system. No further consultation is required. <i>No arb advice/report submitted</i> AM response: There is no requirement for an application to be submitted by, or informed by a report by an Arboriculturist in these circumstances. <i>4m crownlift is excessive and will be harmful to amenity</i> AM response: Noted and considered. <i>Authority Employee/Member section incorrectly completed</i> AM response: this relates to employees or members of the LPA rather than other public bodies.		