

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/100477
Surveyor	IF
Address	DAVIDSON DRIVE, FAIR OAK
Proposed work	1no. Austrian Pine (T2) - Remove. 5no. Ash (T4, T5, T6, T8, T16) - Remove. 1no. Oak (T7) - Prune to give 1.5m clearance to streetlight. Crown lift to give 3m clearance. 1no. Field Maple (T9) - Remove.
Assessment Date	12/12/2025
Officer comments	TPO 552-E (A1) all tree species, confirmed June 8th, 2006 1no. Austrian Pine (T2) is a prominent mature tree providing a very high level of public amenity as can be seen far beyond the immediate vicinity. The arboricultural report submitted with the application suggests removal of the tree based on the presence of the <i>Phaelous schwenizii</i> bracket at base of T2. The bracket has been observed during the site visit, <i>Phaelous schwenitzii</i> is a type of parasitic fungus that causes a destructive root and butt rot, severely weakening the tree's structural integrity. The disease, known as <i>Schweinitzii</i> butt rot, can lead to the tree's eventual collapse. Considering the size of the tree and targets within its striking distance such as properties and school buildings/grounds it is deemed justified to remove the tree based on health and safety on the condition of replanting it with another tree to compensate for the significant loss of public amenity. 1no. Field Maple (T9) is located at the rear of 10/11 Davidson Drive hidden from the public view. The tree appears dead and can be removed. No replanting required as the garden appears to be already densely vegetated. T7 is a small sized oak located between the communal properties 33-38 Davidson Drive and the road. The proposed pruning to clear from the street light and crown lift over the road is considered a reasonable management of the tree in its environment and is not likely to cause any long-term detrimental effect on its health and vitality. The group of ash trees forming a screen between the communal property 33-38 Davidson Drive and the road. They are all small-diameter multistemmed trees with various degrees of crown die-back. 1 tree T16 is

	located further away between the school grounds and the estate. All trees appear to be in fair condition although it is difficult to assess the state of die-back when out of leaf. We have received an objection regarding removal of T8 on the corner of the communal property boundary from the resident of the property located across the road. They stated that the privacy and screening would be lost as a result of removal. Being a part of the group here, T8 does provide screening. All the ash trees are quite young and have good chances of recovery. T16 appears to be in a fair to good condition. It is deemed excessive to remove them without proposing to replant or providing sufficient evidence of die-back such as photos of sparse crowns/decay/fungal brackets etc. The applicant may wish to resubmit following the next growing season where the vitality can be reassessed or resubmit proposing replanting scheme to reduce the privacy/screening loss.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	Refuse: 5no. Ash (T4, T5, T6, T8, T16) - Remove. Consent to: 1no. Austrian Pine (T2) - Remove. 1no. Oak (T7) - Prune to give 1.5m clearance to streetlight. Crown lift to give 3m clearance. 1no. Field Maple (T9) - Remove.					
Conditions	Replant T2 with 1no. New Horizon Elm of min 10cm girth to be planted as close as possible to the original tree's location.					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None received.					
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection		Observation		
	0	1		0		
Objection/ support consideration	An objection submitted by one of the residents has been considered during the decision-making process.					



T2 Pine



T9 Field Maple



T16 Ash



T8 ash



T7 Oak and ash T6