

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/26/100690					
Surveyor	IF					
Address	4 HEATHERDENE ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5BN					
Proposed work	1no. Multi stemmed Silver Birch (T1) - Reduce the height by up to 2.5m and the sides by 1.5m with a 30% thin out of interior branches as well. Hoping by taking some weight out of the tree and thinning it slightly, it will prevent the risk of future failure or issues. All work to be carried out according to BS 3998.					
Assessment Date	12/01/2026					
Officer comments	TPO 254-E (T53) - 1no. Birch The tree was viewed from inside the garden. T1 is a multistemmed large birch tree which appears healthy and provides a high level of public amenity due to its size and position. There were no apparent defects or concerns regarding the health and vitality of the tree indicated on the application form nor during the site visit. The agent answered “no” to the question whether they have a fear the tree might fall or break. The owner didn’t express any particular concern regarding T1, however in the past they had another tree failing and causing damage to the neighbouring gardens. The tree is positioned away from the property, it does not encroach onto any built structures, no actionable nuisance as such. Birch species are known for being particularly susceptible to decay caused by pruning, the proposed reduction will include a major diameter living material to be removed leaving large wounds as entry points for pathogens and disease. As it stands the proposed works to reduce height and spread and crown thin are considered unjustified in the absence of any defects or health concerns/nuisance and considering a significant loss of public amenity that would result if the works were to be permitted. The owner has the option to have the tree fully assessed by a professional arboriculturist and then should any structural or physiological defect be found they could reapply providing sufficient evidence. They have been advised that deadwood can be removed without planning permission.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO

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Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Multi stemmed Silver Birch (T1) - Reduce the height by up to 2.5m and the sides by 1.5m with a 30% thin out of interior branches as well.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None received.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration						



