

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/100574
Surveyor	AM
Address	THE MANOR HOUSE, MANSBRIDGE ROAD, SOUTHAMPTON, SO18 3HW
Proposed work	1no. Cedar (04) - Reduce lateral spread by up to 3m to suitable growth points. Heavily weighted canopy over road with sparse upper canopy over road. Old pruning wounds throughout tree.
Assessment Date	12 th January 2026
Officer comments	Atlas cedar protected by TPO 205-E, confirmed 12th February 1990. It is also within the Romill Close Conservation Area. The tree is located on a roadside bank overhanging the busy A27/Mansbridge Road. It is clearly visible to the public and offers a high level of amenity. In terms of size, the tree is as described in the accompanying Tree Survey Report, measuring approx. 12m tall, with a stem diameter of approx. 80cm dbh. The tree has previously been reduced in height and spread. The top appears to have been removed shortly before 2015. The reduction in spread appears to have taken place in or around 2019. There are gaps forming within the crown, and a few small hung-up branches. Cedar is often considered to shed branches more readily than other tree species. These tend to be over-long, poorly tapered and end-weighted (lion-tailed) branches, particularly after accumulations of snow. The proposal is to reduce the lateral spread of the tree by up to 3m, on the basis that it is heavily weighted towards the road and has a sparse upper canopy. Having been reduced within the relatively recent past, regrowth has not been excessive. Live needle growth is towards the edge of the crown, as one would expect with cedar species. Reducing lateral growth by 3m would leave little live growth on many branches, leading to reduction in photosynthesis. There's no evidence that any individual branches are likely to fail and the gaps in the crown that have formed have been mitigated by the previous pruning. Although it is a species characteristic that branch failure may occur more readily than others, the previous reduction work will have made this less likely. There's no evidence that any individual branches are at heightened likelihood of failure. Pruning as proposed would further reduce the

	likelihood of failure, but at the expense of visual amenity and tree health As such, the work should be refused permission.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	REFUSE PERMISSION: 1no. Cedar (04) - Reduce lateral spread by up to 3m to suitable growth points. REASON FOR REFUSAL: The application cedar (T4) is clearly visible to the public, providing a high level of visual amenity. It is an asset to the Romill Close Conservation Area. Having been reduced in spread within the relatively recent past, the likelihood of branch failure is low. Whilst carrying out further reduction would further reduce the likelihood of failure, this would be at the expense of the form, visual appearance and ongoing health of the tree. As such, the work has been refused permission.					
Conditions	N/A					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	None received.					