

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	NC/26/100714					
Surveyor	AM					
Address	5 HAMBLE WOOD, BOTLEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2GX					
Proposed work	Apple (T2) – Crown reduction and topping by approx. 2.5m to approx. wall height because of excessive shading and promote healthy growth. Annual maintenance. Arbutus Unedo (T5) - Crown reduction and topping by approx. 2m to approx. wall height because of excessive shading and promote healthy growth. Annual maintenance.					
Assessment Date	9 th February 2026					
Officer comments	Both trees protected by the Botley/Winchester Road Conservation Area. The apple is a small tree, the top of which is visible from Church Lane, growing over the wall. It has previously been reduced so a precedent has been set for repeat pruning. The Arbutus (strawberry) is a small, ornamental tree, the top of which grows higher than the adjacent wall. As such, it is partially visible from Church Lane. As with the apple, the tree has been approved for reduction on several previous occasions. Neither tree is of sufficient value that they would justify the making of a new TPO. The proposed pruning will not have an adverse impact on the character of the Conservation Area.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
					X	
Decision notice	No objection.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant	N/A					
Parish comments	BPC: Members of the Planning & Highways committee met on 27th January and voted to object to this application. It was felt that there was insufficient supporting information (application form, images) and that 2m reductions as part of 'annual maintenance' seemed excessive with 1m feeling more suitable. AM response:					

	When trees are protected only by a Conservation Area, only a minimum level of information is required. It is not necessary even to fill out a form nor provide any justification or supporting commentary. Comment on the extent of proposed reduction is noted. However, this type of work on these two trees has previously been approved on several occasions. The Council can only prevent the work by serving a TPO; neither tree justifies the making of a TPO.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	None received.		