

Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: EP/69/20/T

Location: 8 Bradbury Close, Station Road, East Preston

Description of works: Reduce crown of 1No. elm tree to height 5m and spread 3.5m

Reasons given: To clear overhead telephone cable and post

Comments on Application:

Elm / <i>Ulmus sp.</i>	Approx. height: 8m	Average spread (radial): 3m	Age class: Young
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- There is one Tree Preservation Order affecting this site (TPO/EP/1/71). I am unable to view supporting documentation for that Order but assume it was made around 1971 and available to view only from hard copy records held by our planning department.
- This young tree (<20yrs) is clearly a sucker arising from the root system of a long-deceased parent tree that is likely to have been an original subject of the above Order. Although appearing healthy and stable this young tree is likely to succumb to fungal infection within the next 10years (Dutch elm disease). In any event, it is highly unlikely to attain maturity.
- The work proposed is not justified on arboricultural grounds and its extent exceeds the requirements of BS3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations.

Conclusions:

- Although I am unable to support the application, there will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.
- It is unlikely that the tree enjoys Statutory Protection nor is it a suitable candidate for such.

Recommendation:

- I recommend we write to the applicant advising that the tree is not subject to any Statutory Protection and invite them to withdraw their application.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team