

Application 21/01342 – to fell Beech subject to TPO 0909

This Beech has been quite aggressively pruned several times, and is now the subject of an application to destroy it altogether. No reasons have been supplied, and this is entirely unacceptable.

I strongly object to the destruction of this TPO tree, and urge that it is given time to recover from a history being over-pruning several times in the past.

Application (20/00980) to prune was approved as recently as 2020.

The reason given was 'shading' – this is puzzling as being on the East of the property, its shadow will progressively fall over Christopher Way (not the property), as the sun moves west. (Google satellite view attached)

It was noted the tree was not diseased or hazardous. Neither was it causing structural damage in any way.

Following approval, its lateral branches have been shortened – 2m was applied for to previous pruning points but it appears to a passer-by that distance may have been exceeded. And it also been crown reduced overall by 3m

In addition, at some point since 2009, it has also been crown lifted to approx. 6-7m.

The beech now presents the appearance of a topiary "lollipop" with controlled foliage on top of a tall, single bare stem.

See attached photos from 2009, 2011 and Jan 2022.

Though the beech has been somewhat marred it is healthy and can recover. In any case, it still has an important and valuable amenity value, providing shade in summer and glorious rich green summer foliage and glowing autumn colour.

See attached photos from 2009, 2011 and Jan 2022 that demonstrate the progressive reduction of the tree; this demonstrates the continual depletion of the large, mature trees from our communal street scene, and the urgency of ensuring the necessary protection for trees TPOd for their long-term community value.

The Borough's overall tree canopy is reducing year on year, and we are losing far too many of the large 'Heritage' trees that were, and still should be, a feature of our locality.

If this application is approved the tree must be replaced elsewhere in the Emsworth area by a large (min1.5m trunk height) Beech; this condition can be ensured by the authority serving a tree replacement notice on the landowner as part of consent.

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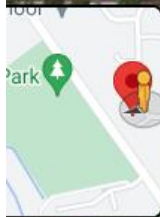


Christopher Way

Emsworth, England

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Street View - Jun 2009



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Christopher Way

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Street View - Jun 2011

