Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Site Visit Date: 04/01/2016

Address: 16 Lakewood Road Chandler's Ford,

Application Number: T/15/77584

Case Officer: B Athow

Work Request/Notification:

Fell 1no. Oak

Reason for Application:

Refer to app.

Comments:

Comments/ observations following site visit of 04/01/2016:

1 x Oak - Large front garden specimen and highly visible from the public realm. The tree is in decline - it has major deadwood throughout the crown and it has a low density of bud formation. It is difficult to see how the tree will look at this point if the deadwood is removed. No photos of the tree in leaf have been supplied, no additional report on the trees condition and there is no suggestion that the tree is a danger. A significant tree like this requires more detail in order to justify its removal.

Decision:

Refuse

Decision Comments:

Refuse -
1 x Oak - Fell.

Conditions:

Standard Time and quality

Notes to applicant:

The major deadwood can be removed without an application.
It is difficult to see how the tree will look at this point if the deadwood is removed.
No photos of the tree in leaf have been supplied and no detailed report on the trees condition.
There has been no suggestion that the tree is a danger.
Have other forms of management been considered?
A significant tree like this requires more Arboricultural evidence to support its removal.

Parish Comments:

No comments had been received at the time of inspection

Public Objection/support Support Qty: 0 Objection Qty: 1

The biodiversity and quantity of wildlife supported by just one oak tree is of supreme value and to destroy an oak is tragic unless it is a danger in some way. This part of Chandler's Ford is loved for its leafy and wooded nature and its many trees support a good range of bird life including woodpeckers, tree creepers and nut hatches and many rookeries, plus a good range of insect life which enables bats, swallows and swifts to thrive locally. This is in no small part due to the abundance of oak trees which should be encouraged and not threatened.

Objection Consideration:
Objection has been considered.