Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Site Visit Date: 16/02/2016

Address: 40 Guildford Drive Chandler's Ford, SO53 3PT

Application Number: T/15/77667

Case Officer: B Athow

Work Request/Notification:

Crown reduction by 25% of 1no. Oak in front garden

Reason For Application:

Refer to app.

Comments:

Comments/ observations following site visit of 16/02/2016:

1 x Oak - Large front garden specimen. The tree is highly visible and an important part of the street scene. The tree significantly predates the property. The tree is of good form with some long over-extended branches growing towards 38. The tree appears outwardly healthy with no obvious P & D, exudates or FFB. The request is for a 25% crown reduction, however the submitted tree surgeon report recommends 2m off the height with an unspecified reduction on the rest of the crown to leave a balanced and uniform shape. Reduction by percentage is very difficult to quantify, is it by area, volume, from the height, the overall tree or just the crown, from each side or as an average. The height of the tree doesn't seem to be the issue, the issue appears to be the over extended branches so it makes sense to focus any reduction on those areas.

Decision:

Part consent / part refuse

Decision Comments:

Refuse -
1 x Oak - Crown reduce by 25%

Consent to-
1 x Oak - Selective crown reduction of overextended lateral branches by up to 1.5m from the branch tips and minimal pruning over the rest of the crown of up to 1m to maintain a natural shaped crown. All branches are to be reduced back to suitable growth points and pruning wounds to be kept below 60mm.

Conditions:

Standard Time and quality

Notes to applicant:

None

Parish Comments:

No comments had been received at the time of inspection

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

No correspondence relating to the application had been received at the time of inspection