Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Site Visit Date: 18/01/2016

Address: 18 Southern Road West End, SO30 3ER

Application Number: T/15/77657

Case Officer: B Athow

Work Request/Notification:

Fell 1no. Holly, 2no. Oak (T3 & T4) & reduce crown of 1no. Yew & 1no. Holly

Reason For Application:

Refer to app.

Comments:

Comments/ observations following site visit of 18/01/2016:

Various trees - Back garden specimens and important for their cohesion. Trees are visible as a group from the road and surrounding properties. The trees add to the sylvan nature of the area. The garden is north facing so the impact of the trees on shading will be limited if at all. The trees should have been a serious consideration to anyone purchasing the property. No evidence/ information has been provided to support the need to fell.
T1 - Holly; Boundary tree, fair condition - tree could be managed and retained.
T2 - Holly; Boundary tree, fair condition - 30% is non-specific however a small reduction would encourage new growth.
T3, T4, T5 - Oak; Group of Oak. Trees appear in good health with no obvious structural or biological issues. Removal would be a significant loss to the amenity of the area.
T6 - Sycamore; Self set, etiolated form with bifurcation and a significant inclusion at fork.
T7 - Sycamore; Self set, etiolated form, trifurcated with significant inclusions at fork.
T8, T9 - Sycamore; Boundary trees, slightly supressed to the west however forming some screening from the neighbouring property. No supporting information provided. Removal would be of detriment to the amenity of the area.
T10 - Yew; Lovely small tree that would benefit from the removal of the adjacent self-set Sycamore

Decision:

Part consent / part refuse

Decision Comments:

Consent to-
1 x Holly (T2); Crown reduce by up to 1m retaining a natural shaped crown.
1 x Sycamore (T6); Fell.
1 x Sycamore (T7); Fell.
1 x Yew (T10); Crown reduce by up to 1m retaining a natural shaped crown.
Replant 2 x Tree - Silver Birch, Oak, Rowan, White beam or

Refuse-
1 x Holly (T1); Fell.
3 x Oak (T3, T4, T5); Fell
2 x Sycamore (T8, T9); Fell.

Conditions:

Replant, Standard Time and quality

Notes to applicant:

No Arboricultural evidence/ information has been provided to support the application however T6 and T7 have significant Structural issues and there is clear benefit in felling and replanting..
Deadwood can be removed without an application.

Parish Comments:

EPC raised no objection to this application subject to the approval of the Tree Officer

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

Concerns over felling; Trees are integral to the property and a serious consideration when purchasing. Trees enhance the area. Removal could set a precedence. Impact to local ecology. Loss of privacy.

Objection Consideration:

These issues have been considered as part of the decision. The trees to be removed are specifically due to safety concerns.