Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Site Visit Date: 08/05/2015

Address: 24 Vespasian Way Chandler's Ford, SO53 2DF

Application Number: T/15/76285

Case Officer: B Athow

Work Request/Notification:

Crown lift to 5m & crown thin by 10% of 1no. Oak

Reason For Application:

Refer to app.

Comments:

Comments/ observations following site visit of 08/05/2015:

Large mature Oak, visible from the road and many adjoining properties - Tree appears in good healthy with good leaf coverage, no signs of dieback, decay, fungi or exudates.

Decision:

Part consent / part refuse

Decision Comments:

Consent to -
T1 - Crown raise to 5m from ground level by removal of secondary or tertiary branches only, limiting cut diameters to 45mm as a maximum and removal of old branch stubs.
Refuse -
Crown thinning by 10%.
The crown is open and I can see no benefit to additional thinning, in fact creating additional wounds throughout the crown of the tree is likely to stimulate additional growth and actually exacerbate problems in the future.

Conditions:

Standard Time and quality

Notes to applicant:

1, Deadwood removal does not require consent.
2, It has been highlighted that there may be bats roosting in or around the tree; All bat species are protected under Section 39, Conservation (Natural Habitats, etc.) Regulations 1994, the Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) 1981, and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000. As a result it is illegal to damage or disturb any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or harm a bat. Prosecution could result in imprisonment, fines of £5000 per animal affected and confiscation of vehicles and equipment used.
Older trees are often used by bats for roosting; roost sites can include rot holes, woodpecker holes, cracks, and gaps made by splits and loose bark and dying wood. If you are aware/ suspect that bats roost in the tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300 228) or an ecological consultant before you start.
If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300 228) for advice before continuing.
3, Please find attached notes regarding trees not on the applicants land.

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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

Objection Consideration: