Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Site Visit Date: 01/07/2014

Address: 283 West End Road , SO18 3BW

Application T/14/74779 **TPO**

Case Officer: M Harrison

Work Request/Notification:

1 no. oak - remove
1 no. birch - crown reduce and thin by 15%

Reason For Application:

The oak is supressed and is leaning over the public highway and lifting the underlying surface
The birch tree has been blown over by the wind

Comments:

The site was visited by the Borough tree officer on 01/07/2014 and the following assessment was made:

The oak and beech tree to the front of the property form a shared canopy providing a significant contribution to the local landscape.

The neighbouring property has recently constructed a gate pillar making use of the access difficult because of the position of the tree.

Decision:

Refuse

Decision Comments:

Due to the stature and visibility of the tree it is considered important in the local landscape. Although it is accepted that the recent construction of a brick pillar has made vehicular access difficult. The council would prefer other solutions are explored.

Conditions:

Notes to applicant:

TIM - The beech tree situated in the neighbouring garden has had pea shingle heaped up around its base. Because this may affect the long term health of the three it may constitute a contravention of the legislation.

Parish Comments:

No comments had been received at the time of inspection

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Public Objection/support Support Qty: 0 Objection 1

Dear Sirs,
Thank you for advising me on the above proposed action.

With regard to T1, I do not understand why anyone would wish to fell such a beautiful old oak tree. Oak trees take so long to grow to this size and I feel that its removal would degrade the appearance of West End Road.

With regard to T2, I must say that, at last, there is a proposal to do something about it. It totally blocks the sun to my garden and greenhouse from 17.30 hours and obscures a great amount of light. When I first moved here 27 years ago the then occupiers said that they realised it prevented sunlight and daylight from my garden and they intended to get it cut. Although having good intentions, it never happened. It has remained uncontrolled, unchecked and unmanaged for all this time. It has now reached such gigantic proportions it poses a considerable problem for my garden. I used to enjoy the sun until sundown but now, alas, come 17.30 hours, our family is plunged into gloom and unable to enjoy evening sunshine. I think a thinning of 70 to 80% might be more appropriate.

There is also a sycamore near my house and greenhouse which the previous occupiers kept trimmed to fence level. I had a word with the current occupiers when they moved in and they agreed to maintain the tree at fence level. Although it has been trimmed it is now some 2 metres above the fence. In addition a flowering cherry tree has been planted directly in front of my greenhouse. These 2 trees also obscure light and sun.

Objection Consideration: