Eastleigh Borough Council TPO and CA Decisions

Date of visit: 24/03/14.

Application number:
T/14/73989

Address of the trees:
25 Launceston Drive, Eastleigh.

Application:
T1 English Oak: Crown reduce by 2m all over. Prune to clear building by 3m.
Works required as tree overhangs road and is too close to the house.

Parish Council comments.
None received.

Correspondence:
None received.

Comments:
The subject tree is a mid aged English Oak located on the southwestern frontage of the property. The tree is twin stemmed from ground level, and then becomes multi stemmed. The tree has formed a neat domed canopy. At the time of inspection, the tree appeared to be in reasonable condition, with some minimal encroachment towards the dwelling noted. The tree has one or two small diameter lower branches which may be below-height over the public highway and nearby street light columns.
There does not appear to be a need to crown reduce the tree overall, nor has any compelling arboricultural reason for such work been offered.
Some of the proposed works appear to be reasonable in this case.

Decision.
PART CONSENT/ PART REFUSE TPO WORKS (L13)
Note to Applicant: It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions attached to this permission, the proposed tree work is acceptable because it will not materially harm the character of the area, the amenity of neighbours or highway safety, and is in accordance with the policies and proposals of the development plan and after due regard to all other relevant material considerations the local planning authority is of the opinion that permission should be granted.

Note to applicant: All works hereby consented should be carried out by a suitably qualified tree surgeon. A copy of the decision notice should be given to the Tree Surgeon.

And hereby REFUSE CONSENT for the following:
T1 English Oak: crown reduce by 2m all over.

For the following reasons: The proposed works are considered unjustified and will be of detriment to the health and appearance of the trees. The works would therefore result in an adverse impact upon the visual amenity, ecology, wildlife, shelter and screening of the surrounding area.

TIME LIMIT TREES (G09)
(1) The tree works hereby consented shall be completed within 2 years of the date of this permission and shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and to the British Standard for Tree Work BS3998:2010.

Reason: To preserve the special amenity value of the tree.

NOTICE AND PRE-COMMENCEMENT MEETING. (Unique condition)
(2) The tree surgery contractor (or other person) carrying out the work shall contact the Tree Officer and give at least 10 days notice prior to starting this approved work. It may also be necessary to arrange a pre-commencement site meeting with the Tree Officer on site if so required.

Reason: To ensure that the contractor or person carrying out the work clearly understands the requirements and detail contained within this consent.

WORKS ARE RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING: (Unique condition)
(3) Prune the canopy of the Oak tree to clear the fabric of the dwelling by no more than 2.0 metres. Crown raise the tree to no higher than 6.0 metres over the centre of the carriageway, and no higher than 2.3 metres above the footway.
Prune branches as necessary to clear the two nearby streetlamps, to give no more than 1 metre clearance above the lamp, and no more than 2 metres clearance to each side of the lamp column.

Reason: To conserve the character of the locality.

Note to applicant: Deadwood may be removed without the requirement for council consent.

BRANCH SIZE (G11)
(4) No branches over 75mm in diameter shall be removed and the tree works shall retain the shape and habit typical of the genus and species.

Reason: To safeguard the health and amenity of the tree.

CONSENT TPO WORKS (L12)
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