

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93470				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Site assessment Date	16/08/22				
Address	Land to the rear of 55-56 Mescott Meadows, Hedge End, Southampton, SO30 2JT				
Work notification/ request	1 no. oak (T55) - Reduce large limb growing towards flats by 15m and reduce the overall crown by 3m. 1 no. oak (T56) - Overall crown reduction of 3m from branch tips.				
Comments/ observations following site visit	Very visible prominent oaks situated in an uncut area of vegetation. Likely good ecological value. Previous unsympathetic pruning away from structures on T56 resulting in a notable stub cut. Both trees currently have in excess of 3m clearance from structures. The applicant has proposed to remove a substantial limb from T55. Whilst it is appreciated that oak are generally good compartmentalisers, the size of the wound would take a considerable time to occlude allowing easy entry to pest and pathogen for a prolonged period, potentially affecting longevity and structural integrity of the tree over time. Overall, the proposed pruning is likely to exceed the maximum number of cuts/sizes outlined in BS3998. Whilst a reason for work has been given, “eliminating the risk of failure” is not a sustainable form of tree management. No comment has been given to suggest that structural integrity of the union is compromised and no features that would support its removal on were noted on site. The applicant has suggested they would like to increase internal growth and crown density. Should this be achieved this is likely to increase pressure to further prune the tree given the aspect and proximity to buildings.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
		X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. oak (T55) - Reduce large limb growing towards flats by 15m and reduce the overall crown by 3m. 1 no. oak (T56) - Overall crown reduction of 3m from branch tips.				
Conditions	N/A				
Notes to applicant	None				
Parish comments	None				
	Support		Objection		Observation

Public objection/ support	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		