

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93567				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Site assessment Date	01/09/22				
Address	19 SOMERSET CRESCENT, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 3FH				
Work notification/ request	1 no. English Oak (T4071 Tree tag: 713) - Remove the secondary stem with dieback to South side only. Crown reduce the remaining stem to the North side by 2-3m all round, bringing height to 14m and crown spread to 12m.				
Comments/ observations following site visit	Two stems form one open canopy. The trees are very prominent, adjacent the highway and have very good amenity value. The southern stem is showing some signs of stress with some deadwood visible. The applicant has stated the cause likely honey fungus, with "no other fruiting bodies noted", suggesting some were seen. No evidence has been submitted to support this observation and no fruiting bodies, or their remanence was seen at the time of site visit. However, I would expect emerging fruiting bodies to be more likely during my visit, given that application was submitted early august in a period of drought when fruiting is highly unlikely, and we are now in a period of rainfall. There were no features on site that would suggest whole tree failure is likely. We have had an exceptionally dry year; therefore, the stressor of the tree needs to be established to enable appropriate risk evaluation and mitigation if required. I therefore do not believe there is sufficient evidence to support the justification given for removal.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
			X		
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. English Oak (T4071 Tree tag: 713) - Remove the secondary stem with dieback to South side only. Reason: No evidence has been supplied to support reason for whole stem removal, therefore works requested is unjustified. CONSENT: Crown reduce the north stem by up to 2m from branch tips.				
Conditions	Standard				
Notes to applicant	None				
Parish comments	None				
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation
	0		0		0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a				

