

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93414				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Site assessment Date					
Address	10 CHESTNUT CLOSE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 3HH				
Work notification/ request	2 no. oak (T1 & T2) - trees located closest to the property in neighbouring wooded land. 6 metre reduction back to the boundary as there are large amounts of major deadwood within the canopies and signs of slime flux from old wounds.				
Comments/ observations following site visit	The trees are very prominent and can be seen from the highway on Chestnut Close. They offer screening from the flats to the north within Nursery Gardens. They have high amenity value and some ecological value with some veteran features noted. Both trees have previously been heavily common law pruned which has left several large wounds and stubs. Previous works has not been to BS3998:2012. T1 has notable historic wounds on the stem, they have good reaction growth and are occluding. Some black exudate is noted from one wound only. The extent of decay behind these wounds is unknown. Canopy height is such that it gives clearance from structures. The applicant has stated there is major deadwood within the canopy, this was not noted at time of inspection. T2 has a large volume of deadwood, this is primarily over dense vegetation in the neighbouring property and not the applicants. The target area for the deadwood is considered low; however, it is noted that oak is a species with good deadwood retention. T2 has two very notable stub cuts created from unsympathetic common law pruning. No slime flux was noted, however, there was some discolouration of wood, as would be expected from internal wood exposure following pruning. No written arboricultural advice or diagnostic information has been provided to support the applicant's justification for works for either tree. Therefore, the removal of 6m from both trees is excessive and unjustified. The removal of photosynthetic material would be of detriment to the tree's creation of resources, alongside stored energy reserves which is likely to have a significantly negative impact on longevity and amenity. The large wounds left will create further entry for pest and pathogen causing further stress as the tree uses energy reserves for reactive growth, which is likely to result in loss of the tree.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
			X		

Decision notice	REFUSE: 2 no. oak (T1 & T2) 6 metre reduction back to the boundary. Reason: No arboricultural report or diagnostic information has been provided to support the application; therefore, work is considered unjustified. CONSENT: 2 no. oak (T1 & T2) 2m reduction from branch tips to branches extending over 10 Chestnut Close, with a maximum cut size of 50mm		
Conditions	Standard		
Notes to applicant	Deadwood is exempt from the application.		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		