

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93627					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Site assessment Date	15/09/22					
Address	Turnpike open space - Rear of 39 & 41 Lucerne Gardens, Hedge End.					
Work notification/ request	1 no. oak (T57) - Crown reduce by 4m from the branch tips, pruning to suitable growth points and maintaining a natural shaped crown because of branch failures and altered dynamics of the tree.					
Comments/ observations following site visit	The tree is prominent and forms part of a tree line that borders public open space and can be seen from the public highway on Lucerne Gardens. The tree offers screening and has a very high amenity value. The tree has already undergone some excessive crown lifting. The branch failures have occurred from the internal canopy and resulted in a slight gap in the canopy between T57 and the neighbouring tree to the west. The central leader appears slightly taller than the rest of the canopy from one angle, however, when viewed from the highway and public open space the height of trees in the tree line appears uniform. A 4m reduction of the entire crown of this tree is excessive. Branch failures are localised therefore dynamics of the remaining crown is likely to only be locally altered. A lesser reduction would be suitable to retain the trees uniformity and visual amenity whilst allowing reaction growth to occur to enable the tree to self-optimize should it need to.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. oak (T57) - Crown reduce by 4m from the branch tips Reason: A reduction of 4m is excessive given the localised branch failures. It would significantly alter the uniformity of the tree line and negatively impact amenity value. CONSENT: 1 no. oak (T57) - Crown reduce by up to 2m from the branch tips. Cut sizes to not exceed 75mm.					
Conditions	Standard					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	No Objection subject to the usual conditions of the tree officer.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	2		0		0	
Objection/ support consideration	The two supporting comments have been taken into consideration during the decision-making process.					