

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93654					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	Land behind 2 The Woodlands North Millers Dale Chandler Ford SO53 1SZ					
Proposed work	1 no. Oak (T1) - Reduce tree in woodland behind property by 2m towards house due to failure of back limbs causing tree to be unbalanced. Previous TPO ref: T/20/87322.					
Assessment Date	27/09/22					
Officer comments	The tree, and oak sits to the rear of 2 The Woodlands and forms part of and area of woodland forming the Flexford Nature Reserve. The tree is substantial, has veteran features and will have a positive impact on the local ecology. It is highly visible from the public highway and is considered to have high amenity value. There are three applications for this tree visibly documented in the planning portal. The first (T/13/73016) was refused, and the second (T/20/87322) has been referenced in this application as not completed. However, the tree has undergone a reduction previously. The tree has suffered some branch loss to the west over the woodland creating veteran features. As documented within BS3998:2012 trees are dynamic, continually self-optimising organisms. Therefore, given that it has been more than two years since the previous consent was granted, and no evidence has been provided to suggest further limb failure or structural concern, then I believe works to be unjustified as the tree would have reacted to branch loss in this time. The applicant also states that they do not have a fear it might break or fall. Whilst I disagree with the justification for works, taking into consideration the previous reduction, the proposed works will not be of detriment to the tree if it is pruned to previous points. A conversation was had on site with the occupier regarding methodology of works and permission/trespass was discussed.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
	X					
Decision notice	CONSENT: 1 no. Oak (T1) - Reduce by 2m from branch tips towards house					
Conditions	Standard, plus cut sizes not to exceed 50mm					
Notes to applicant	None					

Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		