

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93755
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	9 THE HILLWAY CHANDLERS FORD SO53 2PJ
Proposed work	1 no. Oak (T1 - Twin Stem) - Crown reduce by 2m full circumference to maintain health of the tree. 1 no. Oak (T2 - Single Stem) - Crown reduce 2 No. lateral growth by 1.5m to maintain health of the tree. 1 no. Oak (T3 - Single Stem) - Crown reduce by 2m full circumference to maintain health of the tree.
Assessment Date	17/10/22
Officer comments	The oaks are situated within the rear of 9 The Hillway, they are notable from the front of the property, offering some amenity value. They offer a good contribution to the local greenscape. T1 is situated within the southwest of the garden. There are two stems forming one canopy with relatively good form. The tree is close to structures, therefore a 2m reduction is reasonable. However, it should be noted that this is not to 'maintain the health of the tree'. BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations is clear that trees are self-optimising structures that maintain their own physiological function and structural integrity. Pruning operations can compromise both, therefore pruning to 'maintain tree health' is not a reasonable justification. T2 is situated within the centre of the garden. It has already undergone some pruning works which have left the canopy with a box like appearance. The specification is unclear as it states, 'Crown reduce 2 No. lateral growth'. Is this referring to two lateral limbs? A crown reduction of lateral growth by 1.5 on any part of the tree will leave very little (<1.5m) lateral grown and will be of detriment to the longevity and amenity of the tree. As with T1, sufficient justification to support works has not been provided. T3 has previously undergone a crown lift and reduction. The height of the crown break appears excessive for the tree in its location. The tree is clear of all structures. It has a slightly unnatural 'lollipop' shape, further pruning is likely to exaggerate this further negatively impacting overall amenity value. As with T1 and T2, the justification provided is not sufficient. Pruning exposes the tree to pest and pathogen, potentially having an adverse impact on tree longevity.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
				X		
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Oak (T2 - Single Stem) - Crown reduce 2 No. lateral growth by 1.5m 1 no. Oak (T3 - Single Stem) - Crown reduce by 2m full circumference CONSENT: 1 no. Oak (T1 - Twin Stem) - Crown reduce by 2m full circumference					
Conditions	Standard conditions					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	The supporting comment has been noted.					