

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/93796				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Address	4 GOODWOOD COURT KNOWLE LANE SO50 7PH				
Proposed work	1 no. Oak - Crown lift over highways up to 5.2m on the sides of the tree indicated on the drawing, side prune by 2.4m over footpath, side prune 2m away from access road in Goodwood Court, side prune away from the house to a maximum distance of 2m, remove lower limb on the south side to allow parking on bay area.				
Assessment Date	25/10/22				
Officer comments	The tree is a very substantial oak situated within the northwest of 4 Goodwood Court. It has very high amenity value. The tree is not obstructing the highway. A crown lift of 5.2m is deemed excessive. 4.5m is sufficient to allow a refuge truck to pass. I would only expect to see a lift of 5.2m over main A and trunk roads. A caravan was parked under the tree, and in particular the southern limb, at the time of visit and there was sufficient clearance. The removal of this limb would likely cause a very large pruning wound. Given the trees substantial size and associated age, 7.2.3.2 of BS3998 Tree works recommendations needs to be considered. It is accepted that <i>“mature and old trees generally have a reduced capacity to tolerate the potentially adverse effects of wounding, especially with regard to development of physiological dysfunction and decay,”</i> therefore the proposed works to remove the southern limb is unjustified given the bay was in use. The request for localised crown reductions is fair for the management of the tree in its location and is unlikely to be detrimental to the long-term health of the tree given the small volume of canopy likely to be removed.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
			X		Raise no objection
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Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Oak - Crown lift over highways up to 5.2m on the sides of the tree indicated on the drawing, side prune by 2.4m over footpath, side prune 2m away from access road in Goodwood Court, side prune away from the house to a maximum distance of 2m, remove lower limb on the south side to allow parking on bay area CONSENT: 1 no oak – Crown lift to a maximum to 4.5m over the carriageway. Crown lift to a maximum of 2.4m over public footways.				

	Localised crown reduction of up to 2m from branch tips on southern side only.		
Conditions	Standard		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	No objection subject to the Tree Officer's approval.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	1
Objection/ support consideration	The Parish's comment has been noted. With regards to the public comment, we can only determine the application put to us – additional work cannot be considered. The approved work should not unbalance the tree.		