

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/94005				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Address	SIMPKINS COURT, 241 HURSLEY ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD				
Proposed work	1 no. Oak- Crown reduction of 3-4m due to over-excessive weight on limbs overhanging a building of flats.				
Assessment Date	07/12/22				
Officer comments	The tree is to the front of the property, it is a mature tree that is highly visible from the public highway. It is considered to have high amenity value and offers character to the local area. The oak has previously been heavily reduced with a number of visible large pruning wounds; some are occluding. The main scaffolds have already been shortened; therefore any “over-excessive weight” has already been removed. The tree is showing some signs of stress, with the northern section of the canopy in heavy decline. The majority of the canopy is clear of structures. The proposed work to crown reduce the tree by 3-4m will remove a high proportion of photosynthetic material and likely to negatively impact the long-term health of the tree. 7.2.3.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations is clear in that it states, “<i>mature and old trees generally have a reduced capacity to tolerate the potentially adverse effects of wounding</i>”. Therefore, any proposed work needs to be sensitive and in line with the management of aging trees. The applicant has stated that the tree is causing alleged damage to property, however, has not documented what that damage is? Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 states “<i>appropriate evidence describing any structural damage to property or in relation to tree health or safety</i>” should accompany the application, therefore, written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert should have been submitted to justify such excessive works. Given the trees state of decline, it is recommended the applicant obtains professional arboricultural advice on maintaining the tree within its location.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection
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Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Oak- Crown reduction of 3-4m CONSENT: 1 no. Oak – localised crown reduction of the eastern canopy to provide 2m clearance from structures. Cut sizes to be limited to 50mm diameter.		
Conditions	Standard plus cut sizes		
Notes to applicant	At the time of visit it was noted that the northern part of the canopy is in decline. I recommend you seek advice from an appropriately qualified arboricultural professional regarding the future management of the tree. Where an exemption is not met, further applications requesting tree work will require appropriate evidence describing any structural damage to property or in relation to tree health or safety, as required by Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a		