

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/22/94193
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	18 WYCHWOOD GROVE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1FQ
Proposed work	1 no. Turkey Oak (T1) - Crown lift by removing two lowest limbs, crown clean by removing rubbing, crossing and broken branches 1 no. Turkey Oak (T2) - Remove 2 lowest limbs 1 no. Holm Oak (T3) - Dismantle by section to ground level due to major decay in base.
Assessment Date	07/12/22
Officer comments	All tree trees are situated within the rear of 18 Wychwood. T1, is situated within the north of the garden adjacent to the boundary of 16. It is a large prominent tree, can be viewed from the public highway and is considered to have good amenity. The tree has a high crown break and is clear of any structures. Whilst the proposed work is unlikely to affect the overall amenity of the tree, the work would increase the height of the crown break and leave large pruning wounds. 7.2.4 of BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations documents that <i>"the removal of branches which are close together on a parent stem or branch should be avoided, unless the tree is young, or cuts are so small the are capable of occluding"</i>. The proposed cuts are on the same level, and given their size have the potential to affect structural integrity through excessive pruning, affecting tree longevity. T2 is situated towards the northwest of the garden. It has limited amenity value from the public highway. The canopy extends over multiple gardens, however, has high ground clearance. The stem has multiple pruning wounds, with minimal canopy extending over 18 Wychwood Grove. The proposed work is unclear. The first lowest lateral is self-explanatory; however, the next two laterals are on roughly the same level. Either way, removing two of the lowest laterals will leave large pruning cuts and a very high canopy break. The number and diameter of cut sizes as outlined in table 1 of BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations has the potential to be exceeded. Further wounding to the parent stem is likely to contribute to a reduction in structural integrity of the tree and a decrease in longevity, negatively impacting amenity value. T3 is situated within the southwest of the garden. It amenity value is limited, however the tree is visible. There is wounding on the western part of the main stem at ground level, there is fair reaction growth present. The applicant has stated they wish to remove the tree due to 'extensive decay,' and they have fears the tree might break or fall. 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, as applicable</i> ”, therefore, written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert should have been submitted. Given this has not been provided, the extent of the decay is unknown, and request to fell the tree is unjustified.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
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Conditions	Standard					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	0		0		0	
Objection/ support consideration	n/a					