

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95062					
Surveyor	SK					
Address	Land to the side of 1-9 Cleverley Rise, Bursledon, Southampton, SO31 8LL					
Proposed work	4 no. oak (T5, T6, T7, T8) - Crown reduce by up to 3 metres to suitable growth points. 1 no. oak (T9) - Tree which is smaller in size than the others to be reduced 1-2 metres away from homes.					
Assessment Date	02/05/23					
Officer comments	Row of significant oak trees, retained through development and in a pleasant, green public space. The line of trees contributes to the sense of place and the rural heritage of the site, enhanced by the informal fencing and natural approach to the management of the land near the trees. They are to the north of the closest properties so shading will be a minimal issue, and good clearance to the properties to the north of the trees. The reason for works is difficult to determine – the agent cites overhang and growing close to the properties, but this is only evident on the eastern most of the group where pruning has been allowed – it is reasonable to allow the regrowth to be pruned back to the original pruning point and this would be with the work specification for T9. A crown reduction of 3.0m across all trees would have a significant and adverse impact on the amenity and physiological health of the tree. These works would exceed BS3998: tree works. These trees are maiden form (i.e., have not been reduced previously) and to consent this operation would mean an ongoing cycle of management which is of no discernible benefit. No reasons have been given for these works and they exceed the reported issue of overhang and proximity to the properties. A recent application (ref T/23/94494) was consented to lift over the garden of one property to 3.0m as this will increase clearance but not be detrimental to the amenity or trees' health; it is reasonable to allow the properties overhung to have the same works done - limited Common Law Pruning with tree health in mind.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 4 no. oak (T5, T6, T7, T8) - Crown reduce by up to 3 metres to suitable growth points.					

	CONSENT: 4 no. oak (T5, T6, T7, T8) Crown lift on garden side only to 3.0m to boundary line. Maximum cut size 50mm diameter. 1 no. oak (T9) reduced 1-2 metres away from homes by pruning regrowth back to previous pruning points.		
Conditions	Standard + limit cut size to 50mm in diameter.		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	1	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	The public comment has been considered.		