

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/94916
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	14 NICHOL ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5AS
Proposed work	1 no. Oak (T1) - Reduce by 2m to bring into more natural and manageable shape. Crown lift by removal of lowest limb. Carrying out this work to maintain the trees before new landscaping project commences. 1 no. Suppressed Oak (T2) - Tree growing under canopy of more mature Oak. Remove to allow mature specimen to grow unimpeded.
Assessment Date	04/04/23
Officer comments	T1 is to the front of the property. The tree forms part of a group is adjacent the highway and is considered to have high amenity value. At the time of visit it was in good vitality. The applicant has proposed a 2m reduction and removal of the lowest lateral limb. At the time of visit landscaping works were being undertaken following the erection of a replacement dwelling (F/21/91322). The application was conditional on an arboricultural report dated 14 August 2021, with the decision notice stating that one tree protection measures were in place, that <i>"no access by vehicles or placement of goods, chemicals, fuels soil or other materials shall take place in the protected area"</i>. This condition is currently not being adhered to with the storage of building materials within the RPA of the tree. Given the trees proximity to the carriageway, the majority of the trees rooting is likely to have been within the verge, which has been heavily tracked, and within the garden of the property, some of which has undergone landscaping. The extent of root damage is unknown; therefore, the proposed reduction could exacerbate a decline in tree health when combined with likely root damage. Therefore, the proposed reduction is not suitably justified. The lowest lateral limb has already been pruned leaving a stub cut. The request to remove this lateral will enable a more suitable final pruning cut. The second oak is within the rear of the property. It has very limited amenity value, due to its size and location, however, can be seen by adjacent properties. The rear garden has also undergone work, with the ground appearing heavily compacted. The effect of this on the health of the trees in the rear of the property is currently unknown, however, has the potential to cause decline. The removal of this tree is due to its limited amenity and poor form. There is likely little scope for replacement due to size and location of other existing trees.

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	
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Objection/ support consideration	The two public comments have been considered during the decision-making process. Regarding the request for the application t be clarified, the surveyor was able to determine the application on its merits. Regarding the permissions, the applicant had consent to prune the lowest branch prior to this TPO application.					