

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/94931					
Surveyor	SK					
Address	THE SALVATION ARMY CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE, 85 WHITE'S WAY, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2GL					
Proposed work	1 no. English Oak (T1) -Situated in the back garden of the Church & Community Centre. Reduce entire crown by up to 4 m from branch ends to suitable epicormic growth. Retain all internal growth. Retain dead stems but shorten to maintain a safe structure. This tree holds good biodiversity value and is important to maintain the landscape. Work was carried out previously by Titchfield Tree Services.					
Assessment Date	21/04/23					
Officer comments	T1 is a veteran oak in an open green area to the east of the church. It has been damaged by fire, leaving half the tree dead and half living. It has undergone a substantial crown reduction in recent years. The dead section is starting to shed deadwood and large plates of detached bark. The live section is starting to put on early epicormic growth that physiologically appears to be in good health. Removal of ANY of the live material will have a negative impact on this aged tree: it is doubtful the canopy will be large enough to support the tree in the longer term, but it is clearly responding fairly well where there is still vascular connection. Veteran trees are afforded special consideration in planning due to their high value and are worthy of sensitive and careful management.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	REFUSE 1 no. English Oak (T1). Reduce entire crown by up to 4 m from branch ends to suitable epicormic growth.					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	It would be good to plant another oak tree nearby (within the green space) as a successor tree for this one, if possible, to allow new habitat to be formed. If it is possible to retain the dead sections nearby where they will not pose a fire-hazard or be disturbed, that would also be of high ecological benefit.					
Parish comments	No Objection subject to the usual conditions of the tree officer					

Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comment has been noted.		