

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95092
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	71 LAKEWOOD ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5AE
Proposed work	1 no. Beech (T1) - Fell due to large cavity at base with Ganoderma brackets present. The hollow is approx. 7ft tall from base of tree. The tree is very large, and a failure would cause significant damage to surroundings. 1 no. Oak (T2) - Fell due to large sections of deadwood in the canopy. Once deadwood is removed the tree will be an unbalanced, poor specimen. Also, the removal of large Beech tree will leave this tree exposed to wind. As such recommending removal.
Assessment Date	18/05/23, 30/05/23
Officer comments	I attended site on both above dates, however, was unable to gain access. The trees form part of a group within the rear of the property. The group can be seen from both Lakewood Road and Queens Road. Visually from the highway, trees appear in good health. They are considered to have moderate amenity value. The beech (T1) is a substantial tree. The applicant has requested to fell the tree due to a large cavity at the base with Ganoderma brackets present. From the highway the tree appears in good health and no concern has been raised by the applicant beyond that of a cavity. Images show the tree to have a cavity, which appears to be responding well, with good reaction wood present. Diagnostic information detailing the extent of the cavity has not been provided. The oak (T2) has some deadwood; however, this cannot be seen from the public realm and photographs do not indicate it to be extensive. It is acknowledged that there is an area of missing bark with some degradation of wood, however, the health of the canopy above this area has not been clearly shown by the applicant. Under Regulation 14(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 dead wood is exempt from the need to submit an application, therefore can be removed. Images show that the tree has ecological value, therefore input from an ecologist is recommended prior to undertaking any works. The applicant has stated that they have fears the trees might break or fall. As outlined in Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 "<i>written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert</i>" should be submitted with the application. This has not been supplied for either tree, therefore, the request to fell the trees is unjustified.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Beech (T1) - Fell 1 no. Oak (T2) - Fell					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a					