

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95065
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	WOODPECKERS, 11 CHERRY DROVE, HORTON HEATH, EASTLEIGH, SO50 7DS Alan Brind Tree Services
Proposed work	1 no. Oak - Reduce height BY 10m and reduce width TO 7m canopy spread. Reason: due to historic failures.
Assessment Date	18/05/23
Officer comments	The tree is situated within the southwest of the rear garden of 11 Cherry Drove. The tree is visible from Cherry Drove, however at present has limited visibility from other locations. The tree appears to be a historic boundary feature to the property. The tree has been fairly heavily reduced to the south to provide clearance to powerlines. A scaffold has failed centrally in the tree from a tight union, leaving a visible gap within the canopy. There have been several other failures within the canopy, likely from exposure. The applicant has proposed to reduce the height of the tree by 10m. The tree is approximately 18m in height. The proposed reduction in height would be detrimental to the amenity value of the tree. And work described appears to equate to 'topping.' This will expose heart wood and accelerate decay within established trees, negatively impacting their longevity. BS3998 states 'topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk'. The applicant has also proposed to reduce the width of the canopy to 7m. The canopy is approximately 14m across, therefore the proposed reduction is likely to result in removal of half the canopy. The proposed reduction will cut into larger diameter wood, resulting in the number and diameter of cut sizes, as outlined in table 1 of BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations, being exceeded. This would increase the potential for pest and disease induced by excessive pruning as outlined in 0.3 of the same standard. This would negatively impact tree longevity. The applicant has stated within their application that they do not have fears the tree might break or fall, therefore this request is deemed unjustified. It is acknowledged that failures have occurred, therefore some work would be acceptable to lessen the likelihood of further failure. A lesser reduction to allow for the tree's adaption, maintaining overall tree shape and leaf bearing structure.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Oak - Reduce height BY 10m and reduce width TO 7m canopy spread. CONSENT: 1 no. Oak – Reduce overall canopy by up to 3m from branch tips. Cut sizes not to exceed 75mm in diameter.					
Conditions	Standard plus cut sizes.					
Notes to applicant	The removal of failed hung up branches can be removed under 14(2) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012, therefore does not require LPA permission.					
Parish comments	No objection subject to the agreement of the Tree Officer.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comment has been noted.					