

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95193
Surveyor	SK
Address	3 BIRCHWOOD GARDENS, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2AR
Proposed work	1 no. Oak (T1)- Crown lift to 5.5m over road and parking bay, remove epicormic growth. To provide clearance over road, footpath, and parking area. 1 no. Oak (T3)- Crown lift over garden to 4m, reduce height by 2-2.5m, reduce lateral growth by up to 1.5m over garden. Large tree overhanging small rear garden, reduce shading, increase light levels, and provide clearance over garden. 1 no. Oak (T4) - Reduce lateral growth over rear garden of No. 3 by up to 2m. *Written permission for works/ access required from tree owner (2 Birchwood Gardens). Large tree overhanging small rear garden, reduce shading, increase light levels, and provide clearance over garden.
Assessment Date	19/05/23
Officer comments	Row of established oaks retained through development and subject to ongoing requests to prune. The row of trees offers good amenity to the adjacent road and screens properties from the road and industrial buildings beyond. Resident seen on site. The number on the plan is incorrect: T1 is labelled correctly, but there is no T4 and two x T3, so descriptions have been added to ensure correct trees are being discussed. T1 is on the other side of the access road and is low over the carriageway. Works are reasonable to keep highway clear and the visibility splays adequate. T4 in the neighbours' garden at No 2: it barely overhangs the application site No 3. It has been cut back to the boundary in the past and lifted quite severely resulting in a clear stem of around 6m. Regrowth is resulting in a dense margin of leaves at the boundary line. The proposed works will not impact the garden as the overhang is so slight. The tree is already narrow in form from harsh pruning. T3 – in rear of No 3. A height reduction will interrupt the uniform height of the row of trees. It will make little difference to the garden and will reduce amenity for the row. The operation will be temporary and require redoing periodically. Garden to the rear of No 3 has a cabin and decking built around the tree. Lifting is reasonable to allow access and clearance for the garden.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Oak (T3 - <i>Shown as one of two trees both numbered T3 on the supplied plan: it is growing in the rear of No 3 and has the deck constructed around it. It is the most southerly of the ones on the plan</i>) Reduce height by 2-2.5m, reduce lateral growth by up to 1.5m over garden. 1 no. Oak (T4 shown as T3 on supplied plan but is growing in the garden of No 2 and is the middle of the three trees indicated) - Reduce lateral growth over rear garden of No. 3 by up to 2.0m. CONSENT: 1 no. Oak (T1)- Crown lift to 5.5m over road and parking bay, remove epicormic growth to a height of 5m or crown break. 1 no. Oak (T3 in garden of No 3)- Crown lift over garden to 4m.					
Conditions	Standard.					
Notes to applicant	T1 would benefit from having the ivy severed at the same time if the bark is not damaged during the process – this does not need specific consent as it is not covered.					
Parish comments	No Objection for T1 subject to the usual conditions of the tree officer. Object to T3 & T4 as the works will have a significant negative impact on the trees.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	2		0		0	
Objection/ support consideration	The supporting comments have been noted. The Parish comment has been considered during the decision-making process.					