

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95214
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	34 NICHOL ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5AS
Proposed work	1 no. Oak (T1)- Branch reduction between approximately 1.5m-3m to alleviate end weight, wind sail, and leverage on selected elongated lateral limbs. All cuts back to a suitable growth point and worked to BS3998. Due to the growth of the tree, and not completing a full crown reduction the length of branch reduction will vary, for a better understanding of proposed pruning points please see the attached photos.
Assessment Date	30/05/23
Officer comments	The tree is in the rear of the property. It has good visibility from neighbouring properties, however, has limited visibility from public open space, primarily being visible over the top of the property. The tree is deemed to have moderate amenity value. The tree has previously been excessively crown lifted and had various localised reductions leaving a number of wounds throughout the tree, resulting in the trees current form. The applicants request to reduce further branches by up to 3m is likely to impact form further negatively. The number and diameter of cut sizes as outlined in table 1 of BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations has the potential to be exceeded. The applicant has stated that they propose to undertake work to <i>'alleviate end weight, wind sail and leverage,'</i> however, it is noted the applicant has not documented why the reason in why they believe they need to lessen end weight and sail. It has been more than 4 years since permission to work on the tree was last granted and this was only a crown lift, suggesting work was undertaken prior to this. I would have expected the tree to have adapted in response to these previous works. The applicant has stated that they do not have fears the tree might break or fall, therefore it is not clear why they propose the work. Should the applicant have concern, Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation)(England) Regulations 2012 states <i>"appropriate evidence describing any structural damage to property or in relation to tree health or safety, as applicable"</i>, therefore, written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert should be submitted with the application where the

	applicant believes work is required on safety grounds. The requested work is deemed unjustified.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Oak (T1)- Branch reduction between approximately 1.5m-3m					
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					