

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95311				
Surveyor	SK				
Address	4 UPPER CREEK MEWS, SATCHELL LANE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4HL South Downs Tree Services				
Proposed work	2 no. Oak (T1 & T2) - Fell to ground level two separate trees that have grown as a singular crown. Both trees are showing extensive signs of dieback. Causes are unknown, high percentage of death in the tips of all branches on the tree. Replant with beech and/or oak where indicated on the map P1, P2 and P3.				
Assessment Date	26/06/23				
Officer comments	Site visited. Two large oaks with close-grown, shared canopy growing to the rear of the property. Full access was not possible but trees visible from lane to the side and glimpses between buildings. New properties in close to the trees so they have almost certainly declined due to development pressure (root damage ground compaction). Though there are early signs of epicormic growth, they are not responding well, and are very unlikely to ever achieve their full canopy in the future. Replanting will be required to replace lost canopy cover – Streetview shows the large, shared canopy. Three trees were offered in the application so this will be stated but only two can be enforced under the legislation.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent. Part refuse		
	X				
Decision notice	CONSENT: 2 no. Oak (T1 & T2) - Fell				
Conditions	Standard + Three new trees to be replanted as a condition of felling (only two can be enforced but three would replace lost canopy cover sooner): Species to be selected from the following and to include at least one oak: 1 x Oak (<i>Quercus robur</i>) Resistant elm (Ulmus 'New Horizon,' Dodoens, U. americana Princeton' etc) Small-leaved lime (<i>Tilia cordata</i>) Beech (<i>Fagus sylvatica</i>) Stock to be a minimum 8/10 standard nursery stock (or 2-2.5m for a conifer), suitably staked and planted in a location close to the position of the felled ones - as indicated on the plan is fine, but please give at least 6m between planting positions, more if possible.				

	To be planted into sufficient good quality soil volume to ensure potential to thrive. Other species may be acceptable but must be agreed with the tree officer prior to purchase. Planting to take place in the first planting season (winter) after felling.		
Notes to applicant	A public representation raised a potential issue with the planting locations. Please be aware of the potential for services within the general vicinity of the proposed planting locations.		
Parish comments	To help retain the natural environment and maintain a sustainable landscape, Hamble Parish Council Planning Committee has always wished to retain mature trees in the parish unless there are no ways to save them. Regarding this application, at present we note that an arborist report has not been submitted to show the relevant subject matter expert opinion and assessment of each tree's condition and what alternatives to felling them have been considered. Until an arborist report has been conducted, including further details about the condition of the current trees and alternative considerations to felling these trees, plus, the minimum size, ongoing maintenance and safeguarding of the proposed replacements for these mature trees, Hamble Parish Council objects to the felling of these trees in this proposed application.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	1
Objection/ support consideration	The public comment has been noted. The Parish comment has been considered, but an arboricultural report was not required because the surveyor considered the trees so obviously in significant decline.		