

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95478					
Surveyor	SK					
Address	5 SAXON GARDENS, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4AR Arbor Call Ltd					
Proposed work	1 no. Oak (T1)- Reduce southern canopy to tip by 1-1.5m, stem diameter cuts no greater 35mm. 1 no. Oak (T2)- Reduce southern canopy to tip by 1-1.5m, stem diameter cuts no greater 35mm. 1 no. Oak (T3) - Reduce south and eastern canopy to tip by 1m, stem diameter cuts no greater 35mm. Crown lift lower regrowth up to the first fork break at 8m. Works in accordance with BS3998(2010), nearest best practice pruning. H4 - Boundary Hedge made up of Yew, Holly, Goat Willow, Hazel, Hawthorn, Laurel- Reduce in height regrowth back to pre-cuts, and face back to the fence line. Keeping within its current hedge form with a Cyclical management requested.					
Assessment Date	13/07/23					
Officer comments	Site visited but not accessed. Trees visible from the public realm to the rear of a row of elevated dwellings, so visible from a distance. The 1-1.5m reduction on trees 1 and 2 will have no discernible effect and will result in denser regrowth leading to further pressure to prune. The applicant has not stated any concerns or reasons for the works, and none are obvious from site. The trees grow to the northwest and north of the property and so will have little influence on light levels. Removing live canopy from healthy trees will reduce the foliar mass and reduce photosynthesis and energy production. T3 looks sparse compared to other trees locally, and removal of live mass will have a negative impact and make additional demands on the resources of the tree to respond to the wounding. Crown lifting is acceptable but to a lesser degree - 8m is considered excessive and will reduce vascular connectivity. Limit lift to 4.5m over garden on south side. Of canopy only. The hedge is a uniform feature and is visible as glimpses from the public realm from either Saxon Gardens or Firs Drive. Maintenance as a hedge is acceptable and rolling consent can be granted to facilitate this.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO

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Conditions	Standard & no right to trespass. H4 can be maintained to the specification for a period of ten (10) years until this consent expires.					
Notes to applicant	Avoid cutting hedges in bird-nesting season (March to September) where possible or check for presence of active nests prior to works being carried out and observe the law (Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981) on avoiding disturbance if any active nests are found.					
Parish comments	No Objection subject to the usual conditions of the tree officer.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comments have been noted.					