

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95561					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	5 LADYWOOD, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4RW					
Proposed work	1 no. Oak (T1)- Fell. Tree has extensive die back in canopy caused by disease.					
Assessment Date	20/07/23					
Officer comments	The tree is situated within the rear of the property. It has some visibility from the public highway both on Ladywood and Compton Close. From where the tree was observed, the tree appears in good health. However, photographs submitted show a dead scaffold. This scaffold appears to have undergone previous pruning which could have contributed to its decline. The rest of the tree appears in fair health. I was unable to gain access to the property despite the occupier being in at the time of my visit (door was ajar, closed once I got in my car). Images provided by the applicant do show a stem bleed. The applicant has not provided a positive identification for the bleed stating, "<i>bleeding canker, possibly phytophthora.</i>" Images do not appear conducive with phytophthora, but potentially bacterial wetwood, which is more cosmetic. It is currently not clear if the decline of the lateral scaffold is due to the bleed, poor pruning, or a combination of both. Without a positive identification, the applicant is unable to select and recommend appropriate management which could result in the unnecessary loss of a tree. The applicant has stated that they have fears the tree might break or fall. 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 have been submitted.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
		X			Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Oak (T1)- Fell					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	None					

Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	1	0
Objection/ support consideration	The public objection has been noted.		