

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form						
Application Number	T/23/95759					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	WESTGATE HOUSE, ST MARKS CLOSE, WINCHESTER ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 2DY					
Proposed work	1 no. Beech (T1)- Reshape/spot prune selected branches sticking out further than the majority of the canopy. 1 no. Oak (T2)- Removal of 4 lower branches in their entirety to give more light to small shrubs and trees underneath and allow them to continue to grow.					
Assessment Date	07/09/23					
Officer comments	Westgate House is situated at the end of a private road. The beech is situated to the front of the property. Whilst it cannot be seen from the public highway, it is a prominent feature on entry and offers amenity value to the surrounding properties, adding character to the area. The applicant has proposed to prune branches that extend beyond the overall canopy shape. Whilst this is not deemed necessary, it is unlikely to detrimental to the overall long-term health of the tree. The oak is situated on the western boundary of the property within a hedge line. It sits beyond a shrub/small tree group. Two of the branches are crossing and rubbing, however, all 4 lower branches are in close proximity on the main stem. 7.2.4 of BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations documents that <i>“the removal of branches which are close together on a parent stem or branch should be avoided, unless the tree is young or cuts are so small, they are capable of occluding”</i>. Given that proposed cuts are on of a similar level, of a notable size, they have the potential, over time, to affect structural integrity pruning, affecting tree longevity. The extent of this work is deemed unjustified; however, a lesser reduction would be deemed reasonable.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Oak (T2)- Removal of 4 lower branches in their entirety CONSENT: 1 no. Beech (T1)- Reshape/spot prune selected branches sticking out further than the majority of the canopy 1 no. Oak (T2)- Reduce 4 lowest lateral limbs by up to 2m from the branch tips.					
Conditions	Standard					

Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a		