

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95778				
Surveyor	SK				
Address	Hungerford Bottom Allotments, Hungerford, Southampton, SO31 8DF				
Proposed work	T12 on supplied plan: 1 no. Oak (tree 12)- Crown reduce by 3m laterally and 4m in height. Remove the lower branch that touches the power line (to be carried out by electricity board for health and safety purposes if required).				
Assessment Date	01/09/23				
Officer comments	T12 is visible from Hungerford Bottom, and it grows south of the gates to the allotments and opposite a public footpath, so the public amenity is present. T12 does appear to have undergone a period of stress with some minor tip dieback at the canopy extents present, but it is responding well vegetatively, with dense epicormic growth on all the the main scaffold branches. Therefore, it would be untimely and excessive to remove a large percentage of the live material, which is what the proposed works would mean. A height reduction of 4m and a lateral reduction of 3m (unclear if this is total across the canopy spread or 3m on each side) would almost certainly leave the tree unviable in the longer term. The works would make demands on the trees energy reserves to respond to wounding and would remove established live material that is its means of energy production. The works would be beyond both the percentage volume of material removed and the number and size of wounds created that are stated in the BS3998 Tree works. It would be prudent to give the tree a chance to respond and further develop the secondary canopy that is already being formed. The tree is already covered by a Tree Preservation Order (ref 721-E). It is therefore recommended that a lower volume of material is removed e.g., a 1-1.5 m reduction in height, primarily removing deadwood from the upper canopy this would leave sufficient live material to allow the tree to respond to the wounding and generate sufficient energy for growth. The branch removal on the eastern side where it is in contact with the power line can be done by the utility company under an exemption if they are concerned about the viability of the supply.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
			X		

Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Oak (T12 on supplied plan). Crown reduce by 3m laterally and 4m in height. Remove the lower branch that touches the power line (to be carried out by electricity board for health and safety purposes if required). CONSENT: 1-1.5m reduction in height preferentially removing branches with poor epicormic response.		
Conditions	Standard + no cut to be greater than 50mm in diameter.		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	2	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	The two supporting comments have been noted.		