

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95790						
Surveyor	SK						
Address	1A Navigators Way, Hedge End, Southampton, SO30 2GP						
Proposed work	1 no. oak - Tree requires a 2.5 metre crown reduction and 8 metre crown lift over the road for clearance of the lamppost and vehicles accessing the industrial estate.						
Assessment Date	01/09/23						
Officer comments	T1 is a large, even-canopy oak that is highly visible in the public realm. The canopy shape is balanced from all aspects. The branches to the southeast are low and nearly in contact with the rear roof of the property. There are no indications of vehicle impact damage on the underside of roadside branches. The lamp column head is obscured by the lower branches on the SW side of the canopy – this can be cleared with proximity pruning to 1m round and below the lamp head. The crown reduction is not warranted: the extent would significantly reduce the visual amenity of the tree and is beyond the guidance given in BS3998: Tree Works. The volume of live canopy that would be removed with the stated works would reduce the photosynthetic area of the tree to an unacceptable level and puts the tree's resources under strain to respond to the multiple pruning cuts that would result. Coupled with an 8m crown lift would result in a drastically reduced canopy. Minor works are acceptable to clear the property and the streetlight. Anything further reduces amenity and life expectancy of the tree.						
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent, part refuse		Conservation area <table border="1"> <tr> <td>TPO</td><td>No objection</td></tr> </table>	TPO	No objection
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Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. oak - 2.5 metre crown reduction. 8 metre crown lift over the road. CONSENT: Proximity prune lower branches on southeast portion of the canopy to clear roof by up to 2.0m. no cut to be greater than 50mm in diameter. Crown lift over carriageway (road section only) to 5.2m above ground level. Clear lamp head by up to 1m all round and below the lamp to allow light to reach the footway. No cut to be greater than 50mm in diameter to achieve any of these works.						
Conditions	Standard + maximum cut size to be 50mm in diameter.						
Notes to applicant	N/A						

Parish comments	Object to 2.5m reduction as it will finish the trees amenity value. No Objection to previous works of crown reduction of 1.5m subject to the usual conditions of the tree officer.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comment has been noted.		