

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95802						
Surveyor	SK						
Address	THE BRACKENS, WOODLANDS DRIVE SO31 5PS						
Proposed work	1 no. oak (T1) - reduce entire canopy by 3 metres, miss shaped and excessive shading 1 no. oak (T2) - remove 1 x low south east facing branch for excessive shading.						
Assessment Date	25/09/23						
Officer comments	Site visited in person, no one in (though grey van in drive). Both trees highly visible from access road, one to front and one to rear of property. Both trees are lifted to a significant height and clearance to the property appears good (several metres) from those angles that were accessible at the time of the visit. Reducing the crown of T1 by 3m all over would result in works beyond the BS3998 guidelines and would remove a significant proportion of the live canopy, rendering the tree less able to respond to damage and potentially shortening their lifespan. The applicant has not reported any concerns about the trees condition or structural stability. The reasons stated for work are 'excessive shading' which is hard to justify given the present clearances and of itself insufficient reason to carry out pruning works in this instance: T1 is to the north of the dwelling so will not cast shade. T2 is to the west of the property but is lifted well clear of the ground so will have a limited impact I could not identify the southeastern branch that would make a difference to light levels, the remainder of the retained crown would still be present, and the removal of another lower branch would result in even higher crown lifting, resulting in a structurally less effective tree. The trees appear to be in good health, and their structural form is a result of previous tree surgery works. Neither is imbalanced: the description 'miss shaped' is a subjective and unquantifiable description. I find no substantive reason to allow further works to these trees.						
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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Conditions	N/A						
Notes to applicant	None.						

Parish comments	HPC wishes to concur with the Arboriculturalist at Eastleigh Borough Council.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comment has been noted.		