

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95806				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Address	18 Forest Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53 1LZ				
Proposed work	1 no. oak (T1) - Crown lift canopy 9m up to the fork back to source. Western canopy to reduce the overextended laterals over the building by up to 2m and bring into shape. Major deadwood, with works to be carried out in accordance with BS 3998(2010), nearest practice pruning points.				
Assessment Date	07/09/23				
Officer comments	The tree is a mature specimen within the front of the property. It is adjacent the highway and considered to have good amenity value. The tree has a high crown break. The lowest laterals have a pendulous form. The lateral branches provide at least 3m clearance from ground level over the garden and are clear of any vehicular access. The applicant has proposed a 9m crown lift which is deemed excessive, a refuse truck requires a maximum of 4.5m to access a residential street, therefore I would expect to see less of a crown lift over a residential property. BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations is clear that “<i>extensive crown lifting should if possible be phased over a number of years</i>”. Whilst it is acknowledged that the tree has previously been lifted, BS3998:2010 is also clear that “<i>crown lifting should be avoided or minimised in mature of old trees if possible as it can increase the probability of stem failure. If it cannot be avoided, it should preferably involve the removal of secondary branches or branch shortening rather than removal of branches back to the stem</i>”. Given the already high crown break, further lifting is not justified. However, it is acknowledged that some branches are close to structures, therefore, a localised reduction would be deemed reasonable.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent, part refuse	Conservation area	
				TPO	No objection
			X		
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. oak (T1) - Crown lift canopy 9m up to the fork back to source CONSENT: 1 no. oak (T1) - Western canopy to reduce the overextended laterals over the building by up to 2m and bring into shape.				

	Reduce lowest western laterals by up to 2m from branch tips to provide adequate clearance from structures.		
Conditions	Standard quality and time		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Comment
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		