

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95837				
Surveyor	SK				
Address	21 Rose Close, Hedge End, Southampton, SO30 2GR				
Proposed work	2 no. oak trees - whole crown reduction to 12m above ground level, to provide sufficient clearance to the pool house, swimming pool and garden.				
Assessment Date	01/09/23				
Officer comments	Access to rear garden granted. Trees are clearly visible from frontage of Rose Close and form part of the belt of retained trees between Rose Close and Grange Road. The application for works is deemed excessive and unsubstantiated. Reducing both oaks to 12m would be a substantial loss of canopy area, beyond the guidance of BS3998 Tree Works. The applicant states that 'the crown at the top of the trees is very weak'. No evidence is supplied to support this as required by Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 which states "<i>appropriate evidence describing any structural damage to property or in relation to tree health or safety, as applicable</i>" No observations on site indicate that there is an unnatural amount of deadwood in the canopy or that there are obvious physiological issues with the trees. Reducing the height would reduce amenity and potentially bring the trees into an ongoing cycle of management. A reduction in height of any amount is deemed to be inappropriate management of healthy trees.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent, part refuse		Conservation area
		X			TPO No objection
Decision notice	REFUSE: 2 no. oak trees - whole crown reduction to 12m above ground level				
Conditions	N/A				
Notes to applicant	Crown lifting and cutting back might be acceptable but will have to be properly supported and not detrimental to the long-term health and structural stability of the tree.				
Parish comments	Object on the lack of evidence to support the application. The proposed works are excessive and will have a negative impact on the trees.				

Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comment has been noted.		