

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form						
Application Number	T/23/95846					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	43 TWYFORD ROAD, EASTLEIGH, SO50 4HH					
Proposed work	1 no. Japanese Elm - Remove lower side limb that is resting and damaging neighbouring garage structure and carry out crown clean of rubbing, crossing and inward growing branches to affect a 15% thinning.					
Assessment Date	07/09/23					
Officer comments	The tree is situated within the rear of the property. It has negligible visibility from Twyford Road; however, it can be seen from Shakespeare Road. The tree offers some amenity value to the surrounding properties. The tree is in good health. It is multi-stemmed with a congested canopy. A southern scaffold is embedded within the guttering of a neighbouring structure. It is acknowledged that the wound to remove this limb is likely to be significant, however, the request is reasonable given the tree is causing nuisance. The applicant has proposed to carry out a crown clean of rubbing, crossing and inward growing branches due to fears the tree will become dangerous in the future. Table B.1 of BS3998:2010 Tree Works Recommendations states the crowing thinning is not appropriate to maintain good structural integrity. 7.5 of the same document states <i>“crown thinning is not the most suitable method of reducing the overall loading on a defective branch of stem, since it does not reduce leverage and sometimes increases the probability of failure.”</i> An assessment has not been made on the crossing branches, these could be natural bracing, therefore supporting the tree's structure. Overall, the request to ‘crown clean’ to the effect of 15% thin is unjustified. However, I would not object to an application for an appropriate crown reduction.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Japanese Elm - crown clean of rubbing, crossing and inward growing branches to affect a 15% thinning. CONSENT: 1 no. Japanese Elm - Remove lower side limb that is resting and damaging neighbouring garage structure					
Conditions	Standard quality and time					

Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a		