

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95883
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	49 VALLEY ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1GS
Proposed work	1 no. Oak (T1)- Reduce by 2m all round. 2 no. Oak (T2, T3)- Reduce all round by 2-3m. 1 no. Oak (T4)- Crown lift by removing epicormics to provide 3-4m ground level clearance. Works are to encourage the trees to be develop new growth lower down in the crown, reduce the risk of branches falling and allow for their longer-term retention whilst improving the visual appearance of the trees.
Assessment Date	27/09/23
Officer comments	The trees are all situated in close proximity to the stream bounding the west of the property, which operates as a nursery. T1 is within the rear of the property. It has limited visual amenity value from Valley Road, however, can be viewed from some locations on Heathlands Road. The tree is a mature specimen and appears to be under stress. It has visible crown dieback from canopy tips and there is a volume of deadwood in the crown. T2 is towards the back of the property. It has very limited visual amenity value from public open space. The tree is a mature specimen and showing signs of decline. It has been reduced previously, however, does not appear to have responded well. The majority of growth is epicormic, further signalling the tree is under stress. T3 is within the front of the property. It can be seen from the public highway. The tree is a mature specimen and has seen heavily common law pruned to the west. The tree is very stressed, with a thinning canopy. It has noticeable deadwood. There is a volume of epicormic growth on the trees stem. T1-T3 have all been proposed for a reduction. All three trees are mature specimens exhibiting signs of decline. The applicant has proposed works to <i>“encourage the trees to develop new growth lower down in the crown, reduce the risk of branches falling and allow for their longer-term retention whilst improving the visual appearance”</i>. 7.2.3.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations states <i>‘mature and old trees generally have a reduced capacity to tolerate the potentially adverse effects of wounding’</i>. Given the trees age and condition, the proposed reduction is likely to have negative impact and cause further decline and potentially death of the trees as it will further reduce the trees' ability to perform physiological functions.

	T4 is to the front of the property. It is adjacent the highway and has high visual amenity. The tree is a mature specimen that has previously undergone a reduction. It has a volume of epicormic growth, however, appears in an overall fair condition. The proposed crown lift by removing epicormic growth is unlikely to affect the overall health of the tree.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Oak (T1)- Reduce by 2m all round. 2 no. Oak (T2, T3)- Reduce all round by 2-3m. CONSENT: 1 no. Oak (T4)- Crown lift by removing epicormics to provide 3-4m ground level clearance					
Conditions	Standard quality and time					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	0		0		1	
Objection/ support consideration	The tree plan, contained within the case files, show which trees are subject to this application. We have no control over timing, save for the condition relating to the work being carried out within 2 years.					