

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form	
Application Number	T/23/95889
Surveyor	SK
Address	133 & 135 WOODLANDS WAY, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8LG Ruskins Tree Consultancy
Proposed work	1. no. English Oak (T1) - to the rear of No.135 Woodlands Way: Crown Reduce by 3m in height, height reduced from 19m to 17m Reduce back lateral spread by 2m only. reducing lateral spread from 7m to 5m. Tree works to BS3998 (2010) No pruning wounds to exceed 50mm in dia. Remove epicormic growth to a height of 4m above ground level only. 1 no. English Oak (T2) - to the rear of no.133 Woodlands Way: Climbing inspection is required to check on the status of cavities and tear out wound. If found to be not significant, then proceed to crown reduce by 3m all round. Reducing the height from 17m to 15m and the lateral spread to be reduced from 10m to 8m. Tree works to BS3998 (2010) No pruning wounds to exceed 50mm in dia.
Assessment Date	25/09/23
Officer comments	Neither resident in at time of site visit. Trees both visible from Woodlands Way and from The Acorns to the rear. They are assessed as having moderate amenity as they are visible above the property and only one (T1) is wholly visible to the side of no. 135. T1 has a poor form. It has been lifted to about 7m above ground level and the remaining canopy is very small compared to what an unmanaged oak would usually have. Trees rely on their leaf area to generate energy and they use this to respond to any defects or weaknesses – such as laying down supporting wood where stems are affected by fungal pathogens. The supplied arboricultural report states <i>‘no gross defect...likelihood of failure at test point is not significant’</i> and <i>‘there is a small column of decay within the stem....but there are good areas of reaction wood surrounding the sections of decay within the stem.’</i> Therefore, it is counterproductive to carry out any canopy reduction on this tree as it will reduce the tree’s ability to continue to respond and increase the likelihood of future failure. The resistograph readings show a nearly completely intact stem cross section. To remove the volumes suggested in the application would further reduce this limited foliar mass to an unsustainable amount. Removal of epicormic is acceptable and will remove the need for later larger diameter wounds to maintain clearance to the property. Limit cuts to 25mm in diameter.

	T2 similarly small canopy mass remaining on tree that has been lifted to c 6m over the garden. T2 is primarily visible from The Acrons and the top section from Woodlands Way. The work instruction notes a climbing inspection to check a cavity and tear out wound, which 'if found to be insignificant' to proceed to reduce the tree. If the defect is found to be insignificant there can be no justification for carrying out a reduction on an already small canopy mass. See notes above. If the cavity is found to be significant then a further application with the relevant evidence to support a limited reduction (within BS3998) can be submitted. Therefore, no reason for the works on T2 are given unless justified by findings of a climbing inspection. Note: for both trees, the applicant's stated dimensions for the height (both trees) and lateral spread (T2) post-reduction are incorrect mathematically. The works would be impossible to achieve within the British Standard BS3998. The amount of leaf-bearing mass to be removed is beyond the standard guidelines and the potential to exceed the number of cuts is also present. The reduction of 3m in height would remove most of the amenity as this is the most highly visible portion of the tree from some aspects.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1. no. English Oak (T1) - crown reduce by 3m in height. Reduce lateral spread to 5m. REFUSE: 1 no. English Oak (T2) crown reduce by 3m all round. Reducing the height to 15m and the lateral spread to be reduced to 8m. Tree works to BS3998 (2010) No pruning wounds to exceed 50mm in dia. CONSENT: no. English Oak (T1) Remove epicormic growth to a height of 4m above ground level only.					
Conditions	Standard. Limit cut size to 25mm diameter for epicormic removal.					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a
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