

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/95979
Surveyor	18/10/23
Address	WOODPECKERS, 11 CHERRY DROVE, HORTON HEATH, EASTLEIGH, SO50 7DS Alan Brind tree Services
Proposed work	1 no. Oak (TPO 416-E, T4) - Crown height reduction of 10m, reduce the remaining canopy to 7m. Reason: to reduce likelihood of failure.
Assessment Date	18/10/23
Officer comments	This application is a duplicate of application T/23/95065 where permission was granted for a 3m reduction. At the time of visit this work had not been undertaken as the tree remained in the same form. I visited during the afternoon, during Storm Babet. The tree was not showing any abnormal signs of movement. It should be noted that the majority of photographs submitted to support this application show the tree out of leaf, indicating they were taken prior to application T/23/95065. The tree was in full leaf at the time of this and the previous inspection. Therefore, comments from the previous application are still applicable; The tree is situated within the southwest of the rear garden of 11 Cherry Drove. The tree is visible from Cherry Drove, however at present has limited visibility from other locations. The tree appears to be a historic boundary feature to the property. The tree has been fairly heavily reduced to the south to provide clearance to powerlines. A scaffold has failed centrally in the tree from a tight union, leaving a visible gap within the canopy. There have been several other failures within the canopy, likely from exposure. The applicant has proposed to reduce the height of the tree by 10m. The tree is approximately 18m in height. The proposed reduction in height would be detrimental to the amenity value of the tree. Work described appears to equate to 'topping'. This will expose heart wood and accelerate decay within established trees, negatively impacting their longevity. BS3998 states 'topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk'. The applicant has also proposed to reduce the width of the canopy to 7m. The canopy is approximately 14m across, therefore the proposed reduction is likely to result in removal of half the canopy. The proposed reduction will cut into larger diameter wood, resulting in the number and diameter of cut sizes, as outlined in table 1 of BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations, being exceeded. This would increase the potential for

	pest and disease induced by excessive pruning as outlined in 0.3 of the same standard. This would negatively impact tree longevity. As with the previous application, it is acknowledged that failures have occurred, hence lesser works being permitted allow for the tree's adaption, maintaining overall tree shape and leaf bearing structure whilst minimising the risk of failure. The applicant has stated within their application that they do not have fears the tree might break or fall, therefore this request is deemed unjustified.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Oak (TPO 416-E, T4) - Crown height reduction of 10m, reduce the remaining canopy to 7m.					
Conditions	n/a					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	No objection subject to the Tree Officer’s agreement.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a					