

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/96107					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	94 LAKEWOOD ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5AB Lakewood Tree Surgeons					
Proposed work	2 no. Chestnut (T1 & T2)- Reduce height by 3m removing dead tops back down to suitable growth points. Crown lift to 4m to allow clearance to hedge. 2 no. Chestnut (T3 & T4) - Reduce all over by 2m back to suitable growth points leaving a natural balanced shape. Carrying out this work as part of an on going maintenance plan.					
Assessment Date	24/10/23					
Officer comments	T1 and T2 are to the front of the property. They are adjacent the highway and have good visual amenity. T1 is a mature specimen. It is in fair health, however, has a notable dead top. The applicant has proposed to reduce the height by 3m to remove the dead top and crown lift to 4. This is reasonable for the management of the tree within its location. T2 is a mature specimen in overall good health. The tree has a minor dead twig at the canopy extent. This does not appear sufficient to justify a height reduction of 3m as it appears to equate to 'topping', which will instigate accelerated decay of established trees, negatively impacting their longevity. BS3998 states '<i>topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk</i>'. The dead branch can be removed without the requirement to submit an application to the Local Authority. It should be noted the applicant has stated that they do not have fears the trees might break or fall. The proposed lift to 4m to allow clearance is reasonable for the management of the tree within its location. T3 and T4 are situated within the rear of the property. The trees are visible from the public highway, including Coultas Road. They are considered to have fair amenity value. The applicant has proposed to reduce the trees by up to 2m. This is reasonable for the management of the trees within their location and is unlikely to negatively impact overall amenity value or long-term health of the trees.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Chestnut (T2) - Reduce height by 3m					

	CONSENT: 1 no. Chestnut (T1) - Reduce height by 3m removing dead tops back down to suitable growth points. Crown lift to 4m to allow clearance to hedge. 1 no. Chestnut (T2) - Crown lift to 4m to allow clearance to hedge. 2 no. Chestnut (T3 & T4) - Reduce all over by 2m back to suitable growth points leaving a natural balanced shape.		
Conditions	Standard quality and time		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		