

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form						
Application Number	T/23/95906					
Surveyor	SK					
Address	2 FROME ROAD, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO18 3LJ Alan Brind Tree Services					
Proposed work	1 no. Oak (indicated 1 on the sketch map) - Crown reduction: N/E by 3m, N/E by 2m, S/W by up to 2.5m. Top canopy to leave spread of canopy to blend to shoulder. All works will back to previous pruning points. Reason: sparse canopy showing signs of decline. Work to reduce stress and balance canopy. 1 no. Oak (indicated 2 on the sketch map) - Crown lift to 6m from ground level. Reason: to allow more light and air into front garden.					
Assessment Date	27/09/23					
Officer comments	Trees have moderate to high amenity. T1 is to the rear of the property and the top section is visible behind the property, it does have some signs of stress, but it also has live foliage out to the extremities of the canopy so this may be a temporary response to earlier drought and possible root damage through garden landscaping activities. Removing significant canopy mass while the tree is in recovery will further stress it so is inadvisable in arboriculture terms. The measurements on the application state both a 3m and 2m reduction on the northeast corner. The works are stated to 'reduce stress and balance canopy. Removal of live material will increase stress to the tree and left alone, trees will optimise their structures achieving a natural balance for their location – hence neither reason is applicable. Moderate pruning back over the garden is reasonable. There are some large sections of deadwood that it would be prudent to remove. T2 is more completely visible from Frome Road. It looks to be in good condition and there is reasonable clearance to the property and over parking. Lifting to 6m is very high for a suburban road where there will be no high-sided vehicles beneath the tree. Lifting to 6m will raise the centre of gravity and increase the likelihood of failure. The reasons for light and air are not acceptable reasons to prune trees and at least one of the resultant wounds would be large (beyond the BS3998) on the lower stem of the tree.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
			X		Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	REFUSE:					

	1 no. Oak (indicated 1 on the sketch map) - Crown reduction: N/E by 3m, N/E by 2m, [sic]. 1 no. Oak (indicated 2 on the sketch map) - Crown lift to 6m from ground level. CONSENT: T1 oak - Crown reduction of S/W canopy overhanging garden by up to 2.0m to previous pruning points and to a height above ground level of 4.5m. Top canopy spread to remain unaltered. T2 no. Oak - Crown lift to 4.5m from ground level with a maximum cut size of 75mm diameter.		
Conditions	Standard plus limit cut size to 75mm for all works.		
Notes to applicant	Dead wood is exempt and may be removed without permission. It may be prudent to take photographs before starting work, or of the arisings to show it is dead if challenged.		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	n/a		