

## Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

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| <b>Application Number</b> | T/23/96255                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Surveyor</b>           | Charlotte Holloway                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Address</b>            | 9A THOROLD ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5BQ                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Proposed work</b>      | <p>1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce crown by 4m to suitable growth points. Reason: These limbs are proven to failure in high winds.</p> <p>1no. Liquid Amber (T2) - Crown lift 2.5 metres above roof line, thin by 20 %. Reason: Canopy touching house.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Assessment Date</b>    | 09/11/23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Officer comments</b>   | <p>T1 is a large mature oak tree within the south of the property. It has very high visibility from the public footpath offering good visual amenity. The applicant has proposed to crown reduce the entire tree by 4m, suggesting the whole canopy is 'overextended'. It is acknowledged that some lower laterals have extended from beneath the upper canopy, however there is significant growth at the attachment point as would be expected of a tree of its size. Only minor insignificant deadwood was noted, this forms part of the aging process and can be removed without requiring LPA consent. 7.2.3.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations is clear in that it states, "<i>mature and old trees generally have a reduced capacity to tolerate the potentially adverse effects of wounding</i>". Therefore, any proposed work needs to be sensitive and in line with the management of aging trees. The work is likely to leave large pruning wounds. The number and diameter of cut sizes as outlined in table 1 of BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations would likely be 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 alongside giving the tree a very unnatural appearance. The applicant has stated within their application that they do not have a fear the tree might break or fall; therefore, the proposed work is deemed disproportionate and unjustified.</p> <p>T2 is a mature <i>liquidambar</i> located within the east of the property. It is adjacent to the public highway and offers good amenity value. The applicant has proposed to crown lift the tree to 2.5m above the roofline. This will significantly reduce the overall canopy of the tree, giving it a very unnatural form. The proposed work will further reduce the trees' ability to perform physiological functions and have a negative impact on overall tree health. 7.6 of BS3998:2010 states '<i>crown lifting should be avoided or minimised in mature or old trees, if possible, since it can increase the probability of failure.</i>' It is acknowledged that the applicant is likely proposing work to clear the tree of structures, therefore a localised</p> |

|                                     | reduction to the western canopy to clear the building by up to 2m would be deemed more appropriate. The applicant has also proposed to crown thin the tree by up to 20%. No justification has been given. BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations documents that thinning is primarily of use for increasing light levels and can often be detrimental as uneven or over thinning can increase the probability of branch failure. The proposed crown thin would likely increase the likelihood of future works, resulting in long term detriment to the tree. The proposed crown thin is deemed unjustified. |        |                              |                        |                       |     |
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| Decision                            | Consent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Refuse | Part consent/<br>Part refuse | Withdrawn /<br>Invalid | Conservation Area     |     |
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| Decision notice                     | REFUSE: 1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce crown by 4m to suitable growth points<br>1no. Liquid Amber (T2) - Crown lift 2.5 metres above roof line, thin by 20%<br><br>CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce crown by a maximum of 2m from branch tips. Cut sizes to be limited to 75mm.<br>1no. Liquid Amber (T2) - localised prune of the western canopy to provide up to 2m clearance from the building. Cut sizes to be limited to a maximum of 100mm.                                                                                                                                                                   |        |                              |                        |                       |     |
| Conditions                          | Stand quality and time, plus cut sizes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |        |                              |                        |                       |     |
| Notes to applicant                  | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |        |                              |                        |                       |     |
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| Parish comments                     | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |        |                              |                        |                       |     |
| Public objection/<br>support        | Support                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        | Objection                    |                        | Observation           |     |
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| Objection/ support<br>consideration | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |        |                              |                        |                       |     |