

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/23/96351
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	9 MAYTREE ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5RT
Proposed work	1no. Sweet Chestnut (T1) - Remove 3 low hanging branches up to 4.5m from Garden of No 11 causing shading in No 9. 1no. Oak (T2) - Remove 1 low branch touching shed roof. Sweet Chestnut (T3) - Removal of low branches up to approx 4.5mtrs and reduce overextended branches towards house to give up to 3mtr clearance.
Assessment Date	04/12/23
Officer comments	T1 and T2 are within the rear of properties. T1 is within the rear of a neighbouring property to the north, and T2 is within the northeast of the garden. Both trees have some visibility from the public highway, offering character to the local area. T1 is a mature chestnut which is in fair condition. The applicant has proposed to remove three laterals to a height of up to 4.5m. First branch height is approximately 4.5m. The proposed work would increase the height of the crown break and leave large pruning wounds on the main stem. 7.2.4 of BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations documents that <i>"the removal of branches which are close together on a parent stem or branch should be avoided, unless the tree is young or cuts are so small, they are capable of occluding"</i>. The proposed cuts are on a similar level, and given their size have the potential, over time, to affect structural integrity pruning, affecting tree longevity. Given the tree is to the northeast of the property, the tree is unlikely to cast excessive shade, therefore, the proposed work is deemed unjustified. A more considered reduction of secondary and tertiary growth would not be objected to. T2 is an oak adjacent a building at the bottom of the garden. On site the resident believed the tree to be a mature oak within the southeast of the garden. The inspection was based on the tree shown on the plan, within the northeast of the garden. This mature tree has limited lateral growth due to surrounding trees. The canopy appears fairly sparse. The lowest lateral is at approximately 5m and ascends away from any structures. The limb would leave a large pruning wound on the main stem. 7.2.3.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations states <i>'mature and old trees generally have a reduced capacity to tolerate the potentially adverse effects of wounding'</i>. Given the trees age, the size of the resulting wound and location of the lowest lateral, the proposed work is deemed unjustified.

	T3 is a mature sweet chestnut in the front garden. It provides high levels of amenity. No reasons for crown raising the tree have been given. However, a lesser lift would not impact amenity or the long term health of the tree.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Sweet Chestnut (T1) - Remove 3 low hanging branches up to 4.5m 1no. Oak (T2) - Remove 1 low branch Sweet Chestnut (T3) - Removal of low branches up to approx 4.5mtrs and reduce overextended branches towards house to give up to 3mtr clearance. CONSENT: Sweet Chestnut (T3) – Crown lift to 3 metres above ground level and reduce overextended branches towards house to give 3 metres clearance between structure and branch tips.					
Conditions	Standard					
Notes to applicant	None					
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a					