

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form						
Application Number	T/23/96403					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	6 MERDON CLOSE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1EF					
Proposed work	1no. Cedar - Option 1 - Fell. Option 2 - Crown reduction and crown raise to 4.5m to allow refuse trucks a route without hitting tree branches overhanging road. Reduce to previous pruning points which is approx. 2m off the height and 1m from crown.					
Assessment Date	21/12/23					
Officer comments	The tree is situated within the front of the property on the north boundary. The tree is mature, in good health and offers high visual amenity. The tree has previously been 'topped'. The applicant has proposed two options. The first is to remove the tree, referencing three previous applications (T/20/88654, T/20/89400 and T/21/91861). It is acknowledged that there is some conflict between the wall and the tree, however, Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 states <i>"appropriate evidence describing any structural damage to property or in relation to tree health or safety, as applicable"</i>. Therefore, sufficient written evidence from an appropriate expert should have been submitted. Given the trees high amenity value and the current climate emergency, to which mature trees positively contribute, I would expect appropriate engineering solutions to be exhausted or appropriate cost/benefit data to be submitted before the tree is lost. The applicant has also proposed a reduction should permission to fell does not gain consent. The proposal is to remove 2m off the height and 1m from lateral growth. The tree is currently clear of buildings and has an aesthetically pleasing shape. The proposed reduction is likely to distort this. The height reduction is likely to exceed any previous wounding, equating to further topping. 7.2.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations states 'topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk'. The request to raise the tree over the public highway to a maximum of 4.5m is reasonable for the management of the tree within its location.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
			X		Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Cedar - Option 1 - Fell. Option 2 - Crown reduction approx. 2m off the height and 1m from crown.					

	CONSENT: 1no. Cedar – Crown raise tree over the public highway to a maximum of 4.5m. Cut sizes to not exceed 25mm.		
Conditions	Standard quality and time, plus cut sizes.		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	2	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	The two spuuporting comments have been considered as part of the decision-making process.		