

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/26/100887
Surveyor	IF
Address	31 NICHOL ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5AY
Proposed work	Five English Oak (Quercus Robur) T1 - Overall crown reduction of 3m. T2-5 - Overall crown reduction of 3 to 4m depending on suitable pruning points identified when undertaking the works. The Oak at the front of the property is to be worked on to clear the branches from the property and also proactively raising over the public footpath and clear back from the highway. The reason the Oaks to the rear of the property are to be worked on, is to allow more sunlight penetrate to the lower vegetation which will help encourage ornamental vegetation growth.
Assessment Date	20/02/2026
Officer comments	1no. Oak T1 - TPO 58-H (W2) all tree species, 1no. Oak T2 – TPO 245-E T43, 3no. Oak T3-T5- TPO 245-E G22 confirmed 12/12/2002 T1 is a high amenity oak tree located on the boundary with the neighbouring property, appears overall healthy. Some lower branches extending over the path and front gardens of number 31 and towards number 29, but over the path there is still 2.5-3m vertical clearance which is adequate. Removal of deadwood would resolve some of the issues. Pruning away from the houses to provide a 3m clearance is considered justified and shouldn't significantly impact the tree's amenity or long-term health. Overall crown reduction by 3m is deemed excessive and is not informed by the current dimensions and overhang. The Oaks T2-T5 belong to the group of oak trees forming cohesive canopy at the rear, all appear healthy, visible over the rooftops and from other angles between the properties offering a good level of public amenity. The applicant didn't express any safety concerns but cited the works would encourage the ornamental growth in the garden. A small row of hedge/shrub of low ornamental value was observed at the rear of the garden with the oak trees located at least 20m from the property. The reasons are insufficient especially for a substantial overall crown reduction proposed with this application (3-4m). Such works would negatively impact the trees' visual amenity and result in large diameter wounds.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
				X		
Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Oak (T1) - Overall crown reduction of 3m. 4no. Oak (T2-T5) - Overall crown reduction of 3 to 4m depending on suitable pruning points identified when undertaking the works. Consent to: 1no. Oak (T1) – Prune to provide a 3m clearance between the tree and the properties 31 and 29.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant	Deadwood can be removed without planning permission.					
Parish comments	None received.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	0		0		0	
Objection/ support consideration						





T1 Adequate vertical clearance over the path/road



T3-T5



T3-T5 immediate area with low ornamental value



T3-T5 distance from the property



T2