

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/26/100831
Surveyor	AM
Address	21 STIRLING CRESCENT, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2SA
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce overhanging limbs by approx. 3-4m to give 2m clearance from property. 1no. Oak (T2) - Reduce by 4-5 meters to match/blend in with the clearance from T1. Tree is leaning. 1no. Oak (T3) - Reduce overhanging limbs to the property by approx 5m and shape into the remaining canopy.
Assessment Date	23 rd March 2026
Officer comments	Trees at this location are protected by an area classification (A3) within TPO 114-E, confirmed 4th February 1986. The application should be considered in conjunction with a previous permission. Crown reduction of the trees by 3m to the front of the property was consented under T/25/100001 in 2025. This was submitted by 19 Stirling Crescent and the work on that side of the trees has been completed. There is also a separate, current application (T/26/100896) to reduce the tree to the rear (T1). Due to the previous consent and the other current application, the potential cumulative impact of the works must be considered. T1 did not feature in T/25/100001. It is the sole tree mentioned in T/26/100896. The proposal in that application is <i>"Prune back the overhang such that the closest point is 2m away from the nearest point of the house (including conservatory), crown lift to 6m above ground such that the canopy's lowest point over the garden is 6m.</i> This concerns only the parts of the tree overhanging No.11. T/26/100831 concerns only the parts of the tree overhanging No.21. Both proposals are reasonable and will not conflict. T2 and T3 have already been consented for 3m crown reduction and this work has not been fully completed. The current application could result in the trees being reduced by some 8m if consents are "stacked". Reducing by 4-5m in height and spread is excessive on its own; it will result in large pruning wounds which the tree would struggle to occlude. It would also

	adversely impact on the visual appearance of the trees as viewed from Stirling Crescent.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	The Council REFUSES CONSENT for the following works: REFUSE CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T2) - Reduce by 4-5 meters to match/blend in with the clearance from T1. Tree is leaning. 1no. Oak (T3) - Reduce overhanging limbs to the property by approx 5m and shape into the remaining canopy. REASON FOR REFUSAL: A reduction of 4-5m would be excessive, leading to large pruning wounds which would be unlikely to be tolerated by the trees. This would be contrary to good arboricultural practice. The impact of the work would be harmful in terms of public, visual amenity. No evidence has been supplied which would support works being completed to this extent. Note to Applicant: T2 and T3 were consented to be reduced by 3m as part of TPO application ref: T/25/100001. This has been partially completed on the southern side of the crowns. Consent remains to reduce the remainder of T2 and T3 by up to 3m, conditional upon works being carried out in accordance with BS3998 Tree work – Recommendations. That consent expires on 17th October 2027. The Council GRANTS CONSENT for the following work: GRANT CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce overhanging limbs by approx. 3-4m to give 2m clearance from property.					
Conditions	BS3998 / clearance					
Notes to applicant						

Parish comments	An application was submitted in 2025 by 19 Stirling in respect of the same trees (Ref: T/25/100001) for: <i>"1 Group of 5 Oak (TPO 114-E, originating from No. 21) – Reduce and reshape the canopy by 3 metres to prevent branches striking the property during high winds."</i> That application was approved. Consent is therefore already in place for a 3m reduction and canopy reshaping. T1, T2 and T3 comprise a line of mature Oak trees, likely forming part of a historic field boundary (visible as a hedgerow in 1940s aerial imagery). The trees significantly pre-date the adjacent residential development. The garden area serving the property is relatively small, and the tree canopies extend across the majority of the garden footprint. The trees appear to be situated within the curtilage of No. 21 Stirling Crescent. Given the proximity of the trees to the dwelling and garden area, it is acknowledged that some degree of ongoing management may reasonably be required to maintain a workable relationship between the trees and the property. However, the previously approved works already constituted a substantial reduction. The current application lacks clarity in respect of the extent and nature of the proposed works. In particular: It is unclear whether the proposed 3–4m reduction to T1 relates to an overall crown reduction or is limited to specific lateral branches, and if so, which property is affected. Similarly, the proposed 4–5m reduction to T2 does not specify whether this is an overall reduction or directional pruning only, and to which property it relates. The same lack of detail applies to the proposed works to T3. Objection – insufficient detail provided within the application to properly assess the extent of works proposed, and the level of pruning indicated appears excessive when considered alongside the previous consent. AM response: Noted and considered		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	1	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	Public comment: These trees have not been maintained for a while now and are in my opinion getting out of hand. I support this application to carry out pruning works. AM response: Noted and considered.		