

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/26/100763
Surveyor	AM
Address	19 MALLOW ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4TQ
Proposed work	2no. Oak - Reduce in height by up to 2 metres and reduce lateral growth on northern side (over 17,19 and 21) of high trees by up to 2 metres The tree is in a cycle of pruning. The tree works is being carried out back to previous growth points to provide adequate clearance of the building.
Assessment Date	23 rd March 2026
Officer comments	Two oak protected within G4 of TPO ref: 272-E. Large trees sited in rear garden of 19 Mallow Road. This is a relatively recent development, built in the mid-1990's. The trees will have been present at the time and the development assumed to have taken their presence into account in its design. Due to their large size, they overhang several gardens to some degree. Although sited in the rear garden, the trees are visible to the public from Mallow Road and Chalice Court, albeit at a distance and over rooftops:  View from Mallow Road, trees in centre



View from Chalice Court

As oaks in apparent good health, they will be capable of providing amenity over the long term, so long as they are carefully managed.

The proposal is to reduce the height by 2m and the spread over the gardens of 17-21 Mallow Road by the same. The Agent states that these trees are in a cycle of pruning and there is a need to provide clearance from the building. There is evidence that the trees have been subject to a lateral reduction in the past as there are obvious pruning points with regrowth. However, there is no evidence that the trees have been reduced in height and there are no TPO consents of this nature. No further justification is provided for the proposed height reduction. The proposed lateral reduction would seem to meet their objective to clear the building.



	The crowns have a near-natural, flowing outline. Reduction in height would adversely impact on this.					
	It would be reasonable to grant consent for pruning back of lateral growth back to previous reduction points. This will be of minimal consequence to tree health and of no impact to public amenity. However, there is no justification within the application to reduce the height of either tree. As such, this aspect should be refused consent.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
			X		Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	REFUSE CONSENT: 2 no. oak – Reduce in height by 2m. REASON FOR REFUSAL: The application proposes to reduce the height of both trees on the basis that they are in a cycle of pruning. There are no obvious reduction points in the upper parts of either tree. As such, there is no cycle of pruning that would justify a reduction in height. Such work would diminish their current natural and flowing outline therefore would be detrimental to public, visual amenity. GRANT CONSENT: 2 no. oak – Reduce lateral growth on northern side of trees, by approximately 2m back to previous reduction points.					
Conditions	BS3998					
Notes to applicant	N/A					
Parish comments	2no. large Oak, significantly predating the properties. The trees visible to some degree from the public realm, and highly visible to surrounding properties. The trees have been pruned in the past, and in this instance, it is proposed to reduce back to the previous pruning points. The works are reasonable and form part of the ongoing management of these trees. No objection subject to the usual TO conditions. AM response: noted and considered					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	Public comment: Can the lateral growth on all sides of the tree be cut back evenly to ensure it maintains balance. We have had large branches fall on our outbuildings on the southern side.					

	AM response: We can only determine the application put before us. We cannot add work to the proposal.
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