

We fully acknowledge that the trees located to the south of the boundary are protected and fall under the ownership and responsibility of Eastleigh Borough Council. With this in mind, the design and positioning of the proposed car port have been carefully considered to ensure that there will be no adverse impact on these trees.

The car port will be entirely positioned on our side of the fence, outside the protected area where no TPO's are in place. Importantly, there are no trees located in close proximity to the boundary fence itself, which further reduces any likelihood of impact on tree roots or canopies.

No construction activity, ground disturbance, or material storage will take place within the vicinity of the trees or their root protection zones. The existing fence line will act as a clear physical boundary separating the development from the protected trees.

A photograph is attached in support of this, illustrating the separation between our fence line and the nearest trees referenced above. Please note that the vegetation visible close to the fence consists of laurel branches extending from within the protected area.

We would also like to note that laurel growth from the protected side has extended approximately six metres into our property. To facilitate construction and prevent future ingress or damage to the proposed roof structure, only minimal and controlled pruning of approximately one metre will be undertaken. This will be carried out sensitively and in accordance with best arboricultural practices, ensuring no harm to the health or long-term viability of the trees.

Due to the existing ground levels, a small retaining wall will be required along part of the boundary to hold back soil. This will be designed and constructed to be as minimal and low-impact as possible and will be located entirely on our side of the boundary. Its installation will be carefully managed to ensure that it does not affect any trees within the protected area or their root systems.

To further minimise any potential impact, we will implement the following measures:

- **Root Protection:** No excavation or ground penetration will occur within the root protection area of the trees. Foundations will be designed to avoid deep digging, using low-impact methods where appropriate.
- **Construction Buffer Zone:** A strict buffer zone will be maintained along the fence line to ensure that machinery, tools, and materials do not encroach on the protected side.
- **Lightweight Construction Methods:** Where possible, the structure will utilise lightweight materials and construction techniques to reduce ground pressure and vibration.
- **No Storage or Access:** The area beyond the fence will not be used for access, storage, or any construction-related activities.

- Careful Supervision: All works will be carried out with due care and attention, ensuring contractors are fully briefed on the presence and protection status of the trees.
- Drainage Considerations: Any drainage from the car port will be managed to prevent water runoff affecting the root systems of the protected trees, as well as the drainage arrangements to the north-east of the property.

Given these precautions, along with the distance between the trees and the boundary fence, we are confident that the proposed open-sided car port will not cause any harm or long-term impact to the protected trees.

The development has been designed to coexist respectfully with the surrounding environment while maintaining full compliance with relevant tree protection guidelines.

