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Eastleigh Borough Council
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Subject: TPO Application – Oak Tree at Longridge House (TPO 433-E)

Dear Tree Officer,

Please find enclosed my application for proportionate maintenance works to the oak tree located at the rear boundary of Longridge House, protected under TPO 433-E.

The works requested are intended to maintain safe clearance from the property, improve light levels within the garden, and manage the lower canopy in accordance with BS3998:2010. The tree's lateral branches extend significantly toward the house and garden, and a modest reduction will help prevent the development of excessive lateral extension as the tree continues to mature. The lower canopy also casts substantial shade across the lawn, greenhouse, and rear elevation, affecting amenity and limiting the usability of the outdoor space.

The property is situated on clay-based soils with a moderate shrink–swell risk, and the tree lies well within the recognised zone of influence for large species on this soil type. Proportionate pruning will help manage transpiration and reduce the potential for soil shrinkage, supporting long-term stability of the ground conditions.

The proposed works are limited to reducing lateral branches by approximately 2m, selectively lifting the crown to approximately 3m by removing only secondary and tertiary branches, and carrying out routine removal of epicormic growth and deadwood. All cuts will be made to suitable secondary growth points in accordance with BS3998, and the natural form of the tree will be retained.

The tree is not visible from public roads, and the works will have no impact on public amenity. They form part of a sensible cyclical management approach for a mature oak in close proximity to a residential property.

I trust the enclosed supporting information and attachments provide clarity on the need for the works. Please let me know if any further details or site photographs would assist your assessment.

Kind Regards,

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