

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/26/101123				
Surveyor	AM				
Address	4 BRUNEL CLOSE, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2TA				
Proposed work	1no. Oak (originates from no. 5 Brunel Close) - Prune back laterals overhanging garden of no. 4 by up to 2m to provide adequate clearance of dwelling and garden. 1no. Oak (originates on left boundary no. 4) - Reduce crown by 2m all over to previous permitted growth points for ongoing maintenance.				
Assessment Date	2 nd June 2026				
Officer comments	TPO 114-E applies, specifically area A1. Confirmed 4th February 1986. Both trees are visible over the properties in Brunel Close against the woodland backdrop. They are also visible from the public footpath to the rear/south. As large, long-lived native tree species, they offer reasonable benefit in terms of public, visual amenity. The tree originating at No.5 Brunel Close is a large, mature tree measuring some 20m tall and with a stem diameter estimated to be around 60cm dbh. The crown is asymmetric, with most growth on the eastern side due to competition for space with another oak also in the garden of No.5. The tree has previously been pruned to one side and the proposal to cut back by 2m on one side only will be of little impact to tree health or amenity. The works are reasonable to provide reasonable separation between the tree, building and garden. The tree to the left boundary of No.4 Brunel Close is a large, mature tree measuring approx. 20m tall and has a stem diameter estimated by eye to be around 60cm dbh. The tree has a naturally symmetrical canopy of reasonable form, although has been subject to extensive crownlifting in the past. The proposal is to reduce crown by 2m all over to previous permitted growth points. Application ref: T/20/87827 granted consent to <i>"reduce by up to 2m over the house and garden"</i>. The tree has certainly been pruned since then but not obviously over the entirety of the crown. It is reasonable to cut back to previously established reduction points. This work would not significantly impact on public amenity nor tree health.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection

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Decision notice	GRANT CONSENT: 1no. Oak (originates from no. 5 Brunel Close) - Prune back laterals overhanging garden of no. 4 by up to 2m to provide adequate clearance of dwelling and garden. 1no. Oak (originates on left boundary no. 4) - Reduce crown by 2m all over to previous permitted growth points for ongoing maintenance.					
Conditions	BS3998 / back to previous reduction points only					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	HETC: No Objection subject to clear conditions restricting the pruning to no further than the previous pruning points. AM response: Noted.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	Public comment 1: I would suggest you are being unfair restricting a cut to 2m. These trees are in the region of over 150 years old and they need to be maintained for the good of the estate and to ensure people living around them are safe, if they are not given a decent cut do we wait until we have limbs lost due to rain and drought conditions which we are all seeing. This house has a young family and although they bought the house knowing there were trees you restrict the fair management of the trees by hiding behind a TPO. It is not your children who may be injured because the trees have not been properly managed. I would suggest 5m from the top and a 4m trim around the canopy is not unreasonable although it may be better to leave this until the leaves fall and sap returns to the roots. AM response: The Applicant/Agent provided the specification and it is this what we must determine. We cannot add work to the proposal.					