

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/26/101617
Surveyor	AM
Address	1 MARSH GARDENS, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2XN
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Crown reduce by 3 - 4m in all directions. Reduce height by 4m. No greater than 75mm prune wound diameter. To reduce sail area and thereby maintain the health and longevity of the tree.
Assessment Date	27 th July 2026
Officer comments	Oak protected within A9 of TPO ref: 94-E. This is a large, prominent tree which is clearly visible on entry to Stanier Way. It offers a high degree of public, visual amenity therefore it follows that strong justification must be provided before we can consent to major pruning works.  View from Stanier Way The tree is in reasonable health but has reduced crown density and a scattering of dead branches, potentially due to the last few years hot, dry summers. This has left it a little leggy. There has been a couple of recent (2026) branch failures. The proposal is to reduce the tree by 3-4m in height and radial spread, limiting pruning wound size to 75mm diameter. The reason put forward

	for this is to reduce the sail area and to maintain the health and longevity of the tree. Reduction of the tree would reduce its overall sail, making it less likely to fall or shed branches during inclement weather. No arboricultural advice has been provided to justify why this is appropriate in the circumstances., although the existence of such advice is alluded to in the proposal (on the application form itself). The work would remove a substantial proportion of the leaf and twig-bearing parts of the tree, causing a large number of wounds which would be vulnerable to colonisation by decay organisms. The application should be refused consent on the grounds that it has not been suitably justified.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	REFUSE CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T1) - Crown reduce by 3 - 4m in all directions. Reduce height by 4m. No greater than 75mm prune wound diameter. REASON FOR REFUSAL: 1. The application oak is a large, long-lived native tree which has the potential to provide long-term contribution to public, visual amenity. It is prominent on entry to Stanier Way and clearly visible from surrounding roads. As such, strong justification must be provided before major pruning works can be consented. The application states that the proposal originates from a Tree Condition Assessment carried out by Technical Arboriculture; this advice has not been provided. As such, it is unclear why the sail area should be reduced and why such works would maintain the health and longevity of this tree. On the face of it, the works would be disfiguring and visible across a wide area. In the absence of sufficient justification, the application has been refused consent. The Council would be happy to consider a new application supported by the above-mentioned Tree Condition Assessment.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	HETC: Object – Excessive works without clear justification.					

	AM response: Noted and considered.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	None received.		