

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/26/101690
Surveyor	AM
Address	28 SATCHELL LANE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4HH
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Crown thin to remove rubbing and crossing branches and any broken or damaged branches. There are some over extended branches throughout the crown. These are mainly throughout the northwestern and round to the southeastern side of the crown. These would need pruning in by up to 2m whilst keeping the pruning cuts to a maximum of 75mm in diameter.
Assessment Date	19 th August 2026
Officer comments	The application oak is protected as T1 of TPO ref: 556-E (confirmed 23rd August 2006). The oak is in good overall health although has been reduced and thinned in the past. The canopy is verdant and previous reduction points are visually sound. The tree is clearly visible from the roadside, offering good benefit in terms of public, visual amenity. The proposal comprises of two operations, crown thinning and reduction of overextended branches by up to 2m.

	Crown thinning must be expressed as a percentage but this has not been specified; a thin of 15% would be acceptable where this favours the removal of rubbing, crossing, broken or damaged branches. I did not consider any branches to be overextended. All had a normal taper and were not protruding significant beyond the crown outline. No reason has been given to support this aspect of the work.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
			X		Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	The Council REFUSES CONSENT for the following work: 1no. Oak (T1) - Crown thin to remove rubbing and crossing branches and any broken or damaged branches. There are some over extended branches throughout the crown. These are mainly throughout the northwestern and round to the southeastern side of the crown. These would need pruning in by up to 2m whilst keeping the pruning cuts to a maximum of 75mm in diameter. REASONS FOR REFUSAL: 1. Crown thinning must be specified as a percentage so that it is measurable. The proposal as it is, is open-ended and could result in excessive amounts of thinning which would be harmful to the visual appearance of the tree and its long-term health. 2. The specification is vague in so much as it does not identify what would constitute overextension. This leaves interpretation difficult and could result in excessive pruning. At the time of the site visit, branches were growing normally and with an acceptable taper therefore did not appear overextended. The Council GRANTS CONSENT for the following work: 1no. Oak (T1) – Crown thin by up to 15%, favouring the removal of the weaker of rubbing/crossing branches and broken or damaged branches.					
Conditions	BS3998					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	None received.
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