

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/26/101655				
Surveyor	AM				
Address	39 BURSLEDON ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 0BP (submitted by/on behalf of 14 Westbury Court)				
Proposed work	1no. Oak - 3m crown lift and 3m reduction of remaining crown. Maintaining good shape and being mindful to prune to viable growth points. Overhanging 4 properties. Including houses. Solar panels. Outbuildings etc.				
Assessment Date	19 th August 2026				
Officer comments	The application oak is protected as T1 of TPO ref: 542-E, confirmed 2nd March 2006. It measures some 20m tall and has a crownsread of similar proportions. It's visually healthy, with a verdant crown of good form. Although the tree is located in a rear garden, it is clearly visible over and between the rooftops from surrounding roads. Similarly, it is visible from the recreation ground opposite. Given the size of the tree, it is no doubt imposing to those who live around it, particularly the tree owner. However, this is a long-established landscape feature. It is located just beyond the end of the rear garden of 14 Westbury Court and has ample space at this side. Solar panels on a next-door property are noted; the tree far pre-dates these and indeed the building they are attached to. The proposed all-round reduction of 3m would diminish its natural appearance and be harmful to public amenity. This has not been suitably justified. Crownlifting and reducing back from adjacent buildings would be acceptable.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection
			X		TPO
Decision notice	The Council REFUSES CONSENT for the following work: 1no. Oak - 3m crown lift and 3m reduction of remaining crown. REASON FOR REFUSAL: The application oak is a large, mature, native tree. It has form typical of the species and is visually in good health. Despite its location in a rear garden, it is clearly visible from surrounding road and the				

	recreation ground. The condition of the tree is such that it is capable of offering long term benefit in terms of public, visual amenity. The proposed reduction has not been suitably evidenced. It would result in harm to the visual appearance, health and amenity value of the tree. It is acknowledged that the tree has grown close to adjacent buildings therefore pruning to clear these is reasonable. The Council GRANTS CONSENT for the following work: 1no. Oak – Crownlift to 3m above ground level. Reduce to clear buildings by 2m.		
Conditions	BS3998		
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	HETC: Object – Excessive works without clear justification.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	None received.		