

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/26/101753					
Surveyor	DH					
Address	62 Havendale, Hedge End, Soton. SO30 0FD					
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1, North West of 62 Havendale) - Reduce low hanging branch east side of T1 near corner of property back by 3m to natural growth points. Remove low hanging branch over road to southwest of T1 due to it been struck by tall vehicles. Reduce canopy branches on south/southeast side back by at least 1m to reduce danger of dropping branches and impeding growth of T2 silver birch. Crown lift to 5m and reduce branches back to lateral union. Tree dropping branches over the property, which have nearly hit people.					
Assessment Date	Tuesday 8 th September.					
Officer comments	The English oak tree is a small, mature specimen that stands on amenity land immediately to the northwest of the dwelling. The application form notes that the tree is owned by the applicant, but that does not appear to be the case when viewed on site. The oak tree stands on the corner of the cul-de-sac and footpaths, and appears to be displaying reasonable vitality. A similar sized English oak stands several metres to the west, adjacent to the southern gable of 127 Havendale. The subject oak tree is prominent in the local landscape, with some minor encroachment towards the dwelling at 62 Havendale evident. The tree appears to display reasonable vitality, with little or no major deadwood evident in the canopy. The supporting photographs of deadwood from the oak tree are noted. These appear to be the naturally occurring small diameter deadwood that such oak trees will readily produce throughout the year. Some minor separation pruning from the dwelling seems to be reasonable, but further pruning of the canopy on the south and southeastern sections to reduce the “danger from dropping branches” appears sub-optimal. Some minor separation pruning appears to be acceptable in this case.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice						

	Refuse: Reduce low hanging branch east side of T1 near corner of property back by 3m to natural growth points. Reasons: Proposed pruning is considered excessive, and lesser works will enable adequate separation to be achieved. Refuse: Reduce canopy branches on south/southeast side back by at least 1m to reduce danger of dropping branches and impeding growth of T2 silver birch. (Crown lift to 5m) and reduce branches back to lateral union. Reasons: The proposed removal of live and currently healthy-looking branches will have little bearing on the reduction in minor deadwood, but is likely to negatively impact the trees physiological health and condition, whilst also disrupting the tree canopy's natural mass-damping effect. Instead, only the deadwood should be removed. The young silver birch, T1, located in the western front garden of the property, is a much later addition to the local landscape, and pruning the English oak to accommodate the relatively short-lived birch appears to be sub-optimal for the oak. Crown lifting the oak tree is broadly acceptable and a specification is detailed in the consent notes below, but further branch reduction subsequent to the crown lifting is considered to be unnecessary and likely to be sub-optimal to the tree. Consent: English oak T1: Reduce the low hanging branch on the east side of the canopy to give no more than 1.8m separation from the fabric of the dwelling. Crown lift the canopy to no higher than 2.4m above the footpaths, and 5.2m above the carriageway. Remove deadwood as necessary.		
Conditions	BS3998		
Notes to applicant	Include wording e.g. "the landowners consent must be obtained to enter their land."		
Parish comments	The planning committee voted to raise no objection subject to approval by an arboriculturist.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	None received.		

