

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	NC/26/102012			
Surveyor	AM			
Address	BURSLEDON JUNIOR SCHOOL, LONG LANE, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8BZ			
Proposed work	1no. Red Oak (T25) - Fell. Basal decay due to Ganoderma.			
Assessment Date	24 th September 2026			
Officer comments	The notification red oak is protected by virtue of its location in the Old Bursledon Conservation Area. The tree is located to the front of the school, to the side of the main entrance. It is prominent, clearly visible from the public highway and experienced by a large number of people each day. The tree provides valuable amenity and a pleasant approach to the school. Unfortunately, the tree has become colonised by Ganoderma sp. This a significant genus of decay fungi. Multiple brackets emerge from between the buttresses at the base. This decays the heartwood, mainly in the butt and buttress area. There are also numerous black bleeds around the lower stem. These are indicative of vascular dysfunction. The upper crown is a little sparse, although this may be attributable to the hot, dry summer independent of the decay. The tree has a slight lean to the south, towards the entrance to the school. This is a high target area frequented by vulnerable site users. No decay detection has been undertaken so it is unclear how much decay exists. Had this been a TPO tree, we would have had the opportunity to require a higher level of detail to support the proposal. However, as a Conservation Area notice, we can require no such evidence. Our consideration is whether the tree should be protected by TPO. In this instance, the impaired condition of the tree and its position at the front of the school preclude the tree from protection by TPO. This will result on loss of amenity. We cannot require a replacement under the Conservation Area but will add an informative requesting that HCC considers replacement.			
	Consent	Refuse		Conservation Area

Decision			Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	No objection					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant	N/A					
Parish comments	None.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	None received.					