

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/26/101871
Surveyor	AM
Address	83 MISSENDEN ACRES, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2RD
Proposed work	1no. Oak (indicated as "Tree" on the map) - Reduce branches back to give 2m clearance from house. Selective crown reduction up to 3m and crown lift up to 1m to restore shape and stop debris falling on pavement and road.
Assessment Date	5 th October 2026
Officer comments	Mature oak protected due to being sited within G13 of TPO ref: 114-E. Large tree in region of 20m tall x 20m wide crownsread, 1m dbh. Highly visible to public due to roadside position. Tree in visually poor health; the crown is sparse extensive dieback and stress growth. Dead branches throughout, more than one would expect for a tree of this maturity. There's epicormics forming throughout the crown but much of this appears weak and chlorotic. There's a very large (approx. 50cm across) flush cut pruning wound on the stem at approx. 2m above ground. This probably dates from when the houses were built, the branch being removed presumably to increase visibility of the front of the house. Now an avenue for decay. The upper section of exposed heartwood is deteriorating as there is a void forming. There is a desiccated fungal fruiting body of what is probably <i>Fistulina hepatica</i> growing from the lower part of the wound. This is indicative of heartwood decay, although does not imply that this is anything but localised. There is a large primary branch immediately adjacent to this though therefore decay could be extending through the union. There are multiple brackets of <i>Ganoderma resinaceum</i> around the lower stem. This is another species of heartwood decay fungi which may have become established in the tree via the large stem wound. The fact that it is emerging from multiple points around the base implies more extensive decay. However, without decay detection equipment, it is not possible to determine whether the amount of decay present is at levels which would compromise structure. The tree is in poor health and suffering heartwood decay at several points. The proposed reduction and associated works will prune past previous

	reduction points. This work was not proposed due to the presence of stem decay but is reasonable in the circumstances.					
	I spoke with the Resident on site and gave advice for them to contact either the Arb Association and/or the Institute of Chartered Foresters for advice.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
	X					
Decision notice	GRANT CONSENT: 1no. Oak (indicated as "Tree" on the map) - Reduce branches back to give 2m clearance from house. Selective crown reduction up to 3m in height and spread, and crown lift by 1m to restore shape and stop debris falling on pavement and road.					
Conditions	BS3998					
Notes to applicant	Recommend seek independent arboricultural advice due to condition of tree					
Parish comments	HETC: No Objection to the 2m building clearance, 1m crown lift and a crown reduction of up to 3m subject to the crown reduction being limited to the previous consented pruning points under application T/24/97830. AM response: The proposed reduction would go past previous reduction points however the tree is in such a condition that such work is reasonable in the circumstances.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	None received.					