

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application No	T/24/96668
Surveyor	SK
Address	16 Redcroft Lane, SO31 8GS
Proposed work	3no. Holly (T1, T2 & T3) - Removal to allow growth of specimen trees in vicinity. Note (T1) Trunk at 1.5 M above ground = 15 cm, (T2) Trunk at 1.5 M above ground = 11 cm, (T3) Trunk at 1.5 M above ground = 20 cm. (T3) Holly has root growth impacting and intertwining with the immediately adjacent Oak (T6). 1no. Hawthorne (T4) - Coppicing to remove main (old) trunk. 5 new growth trunks from same base root will remain and will be managed to allow a growth to 4m. 1no. Cherry (T5) - Removal of side branch to relieve strain on main trunk. Evidence of tree beginning to lean and major root growth to compensate. 1no. Oak (T6) - Crown reduction and general maintenance to long branches to improve tree form and create light for other trees in vicinity. Reduction maximum of 5m, trim laterals by 3-5m depending on location. Laterals over public footpath to be trimmed back to reduce likelihood of falling on Public in future. 1no. Holly (T7) - Removal as upper branches now impacting on lower canopy of (T6) and other minor trees. Note Trunk at 1.5 M above ground = 12 cm.
Assessment Date	20/02/24
Officer comments	Site visited, no one in but trees mostly visible from the public footpath to the south. Long back garden that is at a higher level to the dwelling, with the footpath above. The trees offer screening from users of the footpath. One large oak right against the footpath edge is the largest tree in the group and is visible from Redcroft Lane. Note, the application form states the trees are within a Conservation Area (which they are – Old Bursledon) but they are also protected by a woodland TPO ref 186-E. No problem with managing the holly – trees 1,2,3 & 7 are less visible from the footpath and the hawthorn can be pole thinned as it is not visible from the public realm. The cherry is not showing any signs other than phototropic response: removing the large lateral to the north will result in a large wound on the stem and may lead to it failing in the future. The main stem is in column and there are no visible signs that the tree is not growing normally – it is early mature and appears to be in good physiological health. The development of tension roots as described is a normal compensation growth response as described by Mattheck's Axiom of Uniform Stress. The Oak, T6 is visible from multiple angles. There is one large lateral growing over the footway to the south, but there is no evidence that this is more likely to fail than any others, and its fall would likely be halted by neighbouring trees. A crown reduction of the size stated would bring the tree height down to a point where the amenity from Redcroft Lane would be lost. Allowing the works would potentially set

	an undesirable precedent of ‘managing’ trees for perceived risk – there are no indications that T6 is in poor physiological or structural condition, and no evidence has been presented to support the application as required in line with Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012. Consent would also bring the tree into a regime of future management which may not be maintained, resulting in a higher likelihood of future failure. ‘General maintenance’ is not necessary - trees are highly adaptive organisms and the proposed works would impair the tree’s ability to respond through the loss of foliar mass and demands on energy to respond to the wounding.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent, part refuse		Conservation area
			X		TPO No objection
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Cherry (T5) - Removal of side branch. 1no. Oak (T6) - Crown reduction or any pruning works to live material. CONSENT: 4no. Holly (T1, T2, T3 & T7) - Fell 1no. Hawthorn (T4) - Coppicing to remove main (old) trunk. 5 new growth trunks from same base root will remain and will be managed to allow a growth to 4m.				
Conditions	Standard				
Notes to applicant	Deadwood Dead wood is exempt and may be removed without permission. It may be prudent to take photographs before starting work, or of the arisings to show it is dead if challenged.				
Parish comments	Bursledon Parish Councillors are happy to follow the advice of the tree officer				
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation
	0		0		0
Objection/ support consideration	The Parish comment has been noted.				