

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form						
Application Number	T/24/96923					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	4 HOWARD CLOSE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 3AD					
Proposed work	2no. Oak (T1 & T3) - Overall crown reduction by up to 3 metres to maintain trees to its surroundings. 1no. Ash (T2) - Overall crown reduction by up to 3 metres to maintain tree to its surroundings.					
Assessment Date	26/03/24					
Officer comments	The trees form a tree line along the south of the property within the rear garden. They have good visibility from the public highway on both Howard Close and Steele Close. The trees offer good amenity value and character to the area. The trees are mature specimens, in good health. T2 and T3 have a form typical for trees grown in close proximity to other trees. The applicant has proposed to reduce trees by up to 3m. 7.2.3.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations is clear in that it states, <i>"mature and old trees generally have a reduced capacity to tolerate the potentially adverse effects of wounding"</i>. A 3m reduction would remove a significant proportion of photosynthetic material, particularly with regards to T2 and T3. The reduction would leave large pruning wounds and significantly alter the size of the trees. The latter will instantly negatively impact amenity value, with the former potentially negatively impacting tree health, which will have an impact on the trees long term amenity value. It should be noted that the applicant has stated that they do not have fears the tree might break or fall. Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 requires <i>"appropriate evidence describing any structural damage to property or in relation to tree health or safety, as applicable"</i>, therefore, written arboricultural advice to support a reduction of this significance should have been provided. The request is deemed unjustified.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	REFUSE: 2no. Oak (T1 & T3) - Overall crown reduction by up to 3 metres. 1no. Ash (T2) - Overall crown reduction by up to 3 metres.					

Conditions	n/a		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	1
Objection/ support consideration	The public representation has been noted.		