

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form						
Application Number	T/24/96951					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	48 MERDON AVENUE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 1GF					
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Remove 1 lower limb that is growing towards the house, remove 1 limb over streetlight to give recommended clearance of street lighting regs. Cut back lateral branches over house up to 2.5m. 1no. Oak (T2) - Cut back away from property & roof between by up to 2.5m. Both these trees are encroaching over the property & need pruning away from roof as a general upkeep of the trees.					
Assessment Date	26/03/24					
Officer comments	The trees are to the front of the property and offer high levels of visual amenity and offer character to the local area. The trees are mature specimens and appear in overall good health. The applicant has proposed to remove two branches on T1 back to the main stem. These branches are in close proximity to each other on the main stem. 7.2.4 of BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations documents that <i>"the removal of branches which are close together on a parent stem or branch should be avoided, unless the tree is young or cuts are so small they are capable of occluding"</i>. The proposed cuts are on the same level, and given their size have the potential to affect structural integrity through excessive pruning, affecting tree longevity. The overall aim of the proposed works can be achieved without removing entire limbs. The work specification to provide clearance from the property for both trees is unclear. However, it is reasonable to carry out work to provide clearance.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
			X		Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Oak (T1) - Remove 1 lower limb that is growing towards the house, remove 1 limb over streetlight to give recommended clearance of street lighting regs. Cut back lateral branches over house up to 2.5m. 1no. Oak (T2) - Cut back away from property & roof between by up to 2.5m					

	CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T1) - Prune lateral limbs to provide up to 2.5m clearance from buildings and up to 1m from lamp columns. 1no. Oak (T2) - Prune lateral limbs to provide up to 2.5m clearance from buildings		
Conditions	Standard quality and time		
Notes to applicant	None		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
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Objection/ support consideration	n/a		