

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/97235
Surveyor	SK
Address	OAKLANDS HOUSE, ALLINGTON LANE, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3HP
Proposed work	To carry out all recommended Tree works (control) in accordance with TA2023-FC-RA report following risk assessment/tree survey at Care Home.
Assessment Date	21/05/24
Officer comments	Site visited, met Jason (site manager) who helped identify T1165 which is not plotted on the plan. The site is a large care facility set in well treed grounds, with a mix of formal raised beds and established trees. Little recent tree management was evident at the time of the visit. T2156 Horse chestnut is a good specimen, multi stemmed tree and appears to be in good condition generally. There is a longitudinal split on a branch to the east, but this a result of delamination due to end loading and does not present a threat. It offers good habitat. The target for the whole tree is low, being in an edge of woodland with lawn and laurel. Other works around the perimeter are reasonable – there are multiple willow that are outgrowing their space. Some of these have been cited for a crown reduction where felling might be more appropriate, but as we cannot grant greater works the specification can stand. Jason advised of this fact. There is a sequoia T2436 in the car park/by the drive that is showing signs of decline – this seems to be common to sequoia at present, possibly because of the very dry summers we have been experiencing. There is anecdotal evidence that the tree has been suffering decline since the paved drive was installed, so this may have caused root loss/damage. The specification is to reduce the height by 3m. Removing live canopy mass from a stressed tree where there is no foreseeable likelihood of failure is not good arboricultural practice as the tree will have less capacity to generate energy to respond/recover. If the tree recovers, then a reduction will leave it with a compromised structural form. If the tree fails, then it will need to be removed so the operation will have been for no reason. The consultant could assist by recommending improvements to the rooting area. T1256 horse chestnut is of good form and condition. It has a relatively low target area. The union is not showing any indications of movement. Removing live canopy mass without good justification is poor arboricultural practice and will open multiple wounds that give pathways for pathogens to ingress.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	REFUSE: 1 no. Horse chestnut (T2156) - Height reduction by up to 2m, 2-3m lateral reduction, reform canopy. 1 no. Sequoia (T2436) – Height reduction by 3m. CONSENT: all other works to trees cited in work schedule TRA2023-F-RA except those refused above.					
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	None.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration						