

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/97676					
Surveyor	SK					
Address	45 MALLARDS ROAD, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8EH					
Proposed work	1no. English Oak (T1) - Reduce to 8-10m above ground level. The fruiting body of <i>Laetiporus sulphureus</i> is located within the cavity & fresh in appearance. Cavity when tapped with sounding hammer is hollow sounding. Carrying out this crown reduction will keep tree in compact shape, whilst reducing the risk to the area, buildings, gardens, & the general public within striking distance of tree.					
Assessment Date	29/07/24					
Officer comments	SK & IF attended site but no access possible. SK checked the report which includes a resistograph test and photographs of the <i>Laetiporus sulphureus</i> fruiting body freshly emergent. I am in accord with the findings of the report, the stem is compromised, and the failure of the tree is foreseeable. If it were a smaller tree the hollowing stem would not be so much of an issue, but the canopy is large, and the centre of gravity is high (due to previous lifting operations). The recommendation is to reduce the tree to 8-10m to retain it safely: there is very little canopy at this point, so the suggestion will be made to the applicant to carry this out in 2 phases to give the tree a chance to respond and start developing a lower canopy. This will, however, have an additional cost as it will be two operations/2 visits rather than one so it would not be reasonable to condition it.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
	X					
Decision notice	CONSENT: 1no. English Oak (T1) - Reduce to 8-10m above ground level.					
Conditions	Works to be done to BS3998 as far as it is possible.					
Notes to applicant	- Consent does not confer right to trespass or carry out works to a third-party tree: it appears to be off site so the owner's consent must be obtained. - T1 does not have a lower canopy that would be a natural point to use as a reduction point. This means that most of the canopy will be removed with this work specification. Please consider carrying out the reduction in 2 phases (house side first) so give the tree a chance to demonstrate its response: there is a foreseeable outcome that this tree will not withstand this level of canopy loss					

	in one go. It is recognised that this will have an additional cost so we would not condition this, but please consider it.		
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	1	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	Support comment has been considered during the decision-making process.		