

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form	
Application Number	T/24/97666
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	1 DAISY FIELDS, FAIR OAK, EASTLEIGH, SO50 7FF
Proposed work	2no. Lime (G1) - Crown reduced by 4m in height & lateral branches growing towards property to be reduced by 2m to alleviate weight & keep clear of buildings. 1no. Holm Oak (T1, originates from the neighbouring property) - Cut back to boundary. 1no. group of Maple & Lime (G3) - To be target pruned (laterals) to gain 3m clearance from buildings.
Assessment Date	18/07/24, 25/07/24
Officer comments	Consent to prune away from buildings (G1 and G3) was granted under application T/23/96400 in January 2024. The trees are situated down a private road and form part of a group which serves as a screen between properties and parking. The trees offer some visibility from the public highway and have good amenity value. G1 is a mixed species group early mature group in good vitality. Trees within the group have canopies typical of close grown trees. The canopy of some trees within the group are in close proximity to buildings. The applicant has proposed to reduce the trees up to 4m in height. Work described appear to equate to 'topping' which would expose heart wood and accelerate decay of established trees, negatively impacting their longevity. BS3998 states 'topping should be used only as a last resort for retaining a valuable tree which would otherwise pose an unacceptable risk'. Therefore, the request to reduce the height of the trees is deemed unjustified. The Holm oak is in close proximity and the request to cut back to the boundary would be deemed reasonable in this instance. The work is unlikely to impact overall amenity value or long-term health of the tree. Like G1, G3 is an early mature group with some limbs in close proximity to buildings. Trees have previously been granted consent to prune away from property. Where trees have been granted permission under T/23/96400, further pruning of branches should not be granted where there would be a cumulative effect, as this could remove up to 4m lateral growth. Work should be in line with that previously granted.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Conditions	Standard quality and time					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	No objection.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration						