

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/97701
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	15 MALIBRES ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5DS
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Crown lift to height of 10m from ground & reduce remaining crown by 3m. 4no. Oak (T2, T3,T4 & T5) - Crown lift to a height of 10m from grade & reduce remaining crown by 3m. 1no. Oak (T6) - Remove to ground level due to Honey fungus. Risk of failure during high wind. Trees have significant canopies which restrict light to the rear garden of 15 Malibres Road.
Assessment Date	25/07/24
Officer comments	The mature oak trees are situated within the rear of the property along the boundary line. They are visible from both Malibres Road and Winchester Road over the rooftops offering amenity value to the local areas. The applicant has proposed to crown lift trees to 10m above ground level and reduce the remaining crown by up to 3m. 7.2.3.2 of BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations states '<i>mature and old trees generally have a reduced capacity to tolerate the potentially adverse effects of wounding</i>'. The extent of branch removal required to deliver the proposal is likely to have negative impact, with potential to cause decline as it will reduce the trees' ability to perform physiological functions. 7.6 states that "<i>extensive crown lifting should, if possible, be phased over a number of years, with view to providing some opportunity for physiological and biomechanical adaption</i>", and "<i>crown lifting should be avoided or minimised in mature or old trees if possible, since it can increase the probability of stem failure</i>". The applicant has proposed the lifts due to light levels within the rear garden, however, trees are situated along the eastern boundary, therefore, proposed work is unlikely to have a significant impact for the majority of the day. The crown reductions are likely to impact the overall amenity value of the trees by lessening their view. This work is not deemed justified. The applicant has proposed to fell T6 due to the presence of honey fungus. Honey fungus was not noted on site and the applicant has not provided evidence that it has colonised T6. The presence of <i>Laetiporus sulphureus</i> was noted at the site of an old wound, however, no information has been provided as to the extent of any decay to support the trees removal. The request to fell this tree is deemed unjustified.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
				X		
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Conditions	standard quality and time					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration						