

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/97689				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Address	THE KING RUFUS, 135 WINCHESTER ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 2DU				
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Crown reduce by 4-5m in height & 2-3m in width leaving tree 18m in height & 4-5m in width. Oak in extensive decline. Work would remove all dead wood & bring crown back to live wood. In effect an attempt at retrenching the tree rather than the felling as in tree report.				
Assessment Date	25/07/24				
Officer comments	The oak is situated within a pub garden and is visible from the public realm. The tree has high levels of visual amenity. The applicant has proposed to reduce the tree in height by up to 5m and in width by up to 3m. The tree is showing signs of decline with deadwood present. The submitted report recommends to fell, however, this recommendation has not been supported. The proposal to reduce the tree in height appears to equate to 'topping' which would expose heart wood and accelerated 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'. The tree is valuable, therefore, topping would be a consideration, however, the applicant has not provided any supporting evidence, as required by Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 to justify the extent of works. 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>'. Given the trees age and slightly sparse condition, the proposed reduction is likely to have negative impact and with potential to cause decline as it will further reduce the trees' ability to perform physiological functions. The request to reduce this tree to the proposed extent is deemed unjustified. However, lesser work would be deemed more appropriate. The described work would be considered where supporting evidence is provided within future applications. Deadwood can be removed without the need to submit an application.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
			X		
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Oak (T1) - Crown reduce by 4-5m in height & 2-3m in width leaving tree 18m in height & 4-5m in width. Oak in extensive decline.				

	CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T1) - Crown reduce the tree by up to 2m from branch tips. Cut sizes not to exceed 50mm.		
Conditions	Standard quality, time and cut sizes.		
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	None		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration			