

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/97935				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Address	29 GORDON ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5AQ				
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce height by around 6m to halfway between branch tips & first major union. Shorten remaining lateral growth by up to 2m to shape remaining canopy leaving a finished height of around 15m & spread of around 10m. To reduce risk of failure due to significant basal decay on main stem.				
Assessment Date	21/08/24				
Officer comments	The mature oak tree is situated within the rear of the property. The tree forms part of a group which has visibility from the public realm. Within the group the oaks form a pair to the southwest within the rear garden. The trees' location limits the visibility of this tree from the highway. The applicant has proposed to reduce the height of the tree by up to 6m and lateral growth by up to 2m. This is a notable reduction, likely to impact amenity value from the tree. Work described 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'. Whilst the applicant has stated that they do not have a fear the tree might break or fall, there is an area of dead/flaking bark extending from approximately 0.5cm to 2m, extending to approximately 50% of the circumference of the tree. It is therefore acknowledged that a reduction is reasonable to facilitate the retention of the tree. Given its obscured visibility and the adjacent mature oak, the reduction is unlikely to impact overall amenity value or character of the local area.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
	X				
Decision notice	CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce height by around 6m to halfway between branch tips & first major union. Shorten remaining lateral growth by up to 2m to shape remaining canopy leaving a finished height of around 15m & spread of around 10m.				
Conditions	Standard quality and time				
Notes to applicant					
Parish comments	None				
	Support		Objection		Observation

Public objection/ support	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration			