

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/97985					
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway					
Address	39 PEVERELLS WOOD AVENUE, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 2BS					
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T2) - Reduce low hanging branch over neighbours shed by approximately 1.5m from branch tip to maintain clearance. 1no. Bay (T3) - Reduce & reshape overall crown by 3-4m maintaining an aesthetically pleasing shape & suitable screening from properties behind, while allowing more space & light for developing fruit tree saplings.					
Assessment Date	04/09/24					
Officer comments	The trees are within the rear of the property. The oak is a mature specimen. It is prominent in the landscape and is visible from the public highway. The tree is in overall good vitality. The tree has a high crown break. The applicant has proposed to reduce a lateral branch by up to 1.5m from branch tips. This is unlikely to impact overall amenity value or long-term health of the tree. Proposed work is reasonable management for the tree within its location. The bay is situated on the northern boundary of the property. The tree has some visibility from the south of the property, with greater visibility, therefore, amenity value from the footpath behind the property. The tree is within good vitality. The applicant has proposed to reduce the tree by up to 4m. A reduction in height would be detrimental to the amenity value of the tree visibility from the public realm would be diminished. Works described appear 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 applicant has cited light as the reason for reduction, however, the tree is to the north of the property, therefore, the specified reduction is unlikely to achieve the applicants desired outcome. The request to reduce this tree by the extend requested is deemed unjustified.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Bay (T3) - Reshape overall crown by 3-4m maintaining an aesthetically pleasing shape & suitable screening from properties behind, while allowing more space & light for developing fruit tree saplings.					

	CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T2) - Reduce low hanging branch over neighbours shed by approximately 1.5m from branch tip to maintain clearance. 1no. Bay (T3) - Reduce entire canopy by up to 1.5m from branch tips. Cut sizes not to exceed 25mm in diameter.		
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			