

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/98071
Surveyor	SK & IF
Address	UNIT 3, ROYAL LONDON PARK, FLANDERS ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2LG
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce all over by 2m taking tree back suitable growth points & leaving in natural & balanced shape. Crown lift to 3m. Ensures showroom is visible from road, gives clearance to lamp post & footpath. Reduction will help to ensure its long-term health & amenity value. 1no. Oak (T2) - Fell. Tree is severely suppressed by T1 & leaning heavily over footpath, road & obscuring highways speed sign. Best option is removal as is poor specimen & will always be compromised by T1.
Assessment Date	06.09.24
Officer comments	Two oaks growing on the verge on the roadside of the Peter Cooper dealership boundary fence (applicant states they own the trees). They are in good condition with no obvious defects or features that might predispose them to failure. There are no reports that the trees are dangerous or might fail, or that they are causing damage. The proposed crown reduction is not justified: the lamp column is obscured so this will need to be cleared under highway safety, but an overall reduction will significantly reduce the amenity of the tree. Both are highly visible as you leave the roundabout on Charles Watts Way. The reason stated is to be able to see the showroom, but the crown reduction will not facilitate this. The lift will, so this is reasonable given that a crown lift is warranted for access, clearing the fence and footway for access, not to allow views of the dealership specifically. The assertion that a crown reduction will <i>"help to ensure its long-term health & amenity value."</i> is incorrect: a crown reduction removes a large volume of photosynthetic area, reducing the tree's ability to produce energy and respond to the wounding that a crown reduction inflicts. T2: there is no issue with the condition of safety of T2: it appears to be in good health. It is close grown/undergrowing T1, but they have a co-dominant canopy when viewed from Charles Watts Way and to remove T2 would reduce amenity and ecosystem services, leave T1 somewhat imbalanced and under pressure for future pruning to 'balance' the canopy. The carbon sequestration would be lost and is counter to the policy of retaining healthy trees where possible.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
				X		
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Conditions	Standard + limit cut size to 50mm for all works.					
Notes to applicant	Consider severing the ivy without damage to the bark on the stem to reduce the visual width of the stem.					
Parish comments	No Objection to the highways works. Object to the crown reduction of T1 due to the negative impact on the trees health, aesthetics and amenity. Object to felling of T2 due to ecological impact, the loss of screening and negative impact of this tree.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration						