

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/98154
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway
Address	10 MARLBOROUGH ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 5DH
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Remove south side limb due to split on trunk, remove west side limb due to dead bark on top. If these branches aren't removed they will pose a risk to owners when working in the garden.
Assessment Date	14/10/24
Officer comments	The tree is within the rear of the property. It is a mature oak that is visible over rooftops. It offers amenity value. The tree appears in overall good vitality and exhibits some habitat features. The applicant has proposed to remove two limbs due to a split and decay. It is noted that the tree has historical wounding, and there are areas of decay. Notably the tree is missing a central leader. The spilt described by the applicant is a hazard beam that exhibits reaction growth. Images supplied indicate that all except one locality exhibit good reaction growth. Whilst the applicant has given a percentage of decay, this has not been evidenced. This tree was subject to application T/24/97570 which requested to remove the tree. It was acknowledged that 'where evidence is not provided, considered lesser works would likely be supported, particularly where the one limb is showing little reaction growth'. Whilst the applicant has proposed lesser work, whole limb removal has been proposed. BS3998:2012 Tree Work Recommendations document that <i>"the removal of branches which are close together on a parent stem or branch should be avoided, unless the tree is young or cuts are so small, they are capable of occluding"</i>. The removal of the south and west limb would leave large wounds on the parent stem in proximity to each other. 7.2.3.2 of BS3998:2010 also 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 the number of existing wounds, the proposed branch removals are likely to have a negative impact and with potential to cause decline as it will further reduce the trees' ability to perform physiological functions. The applicant has stated that they do not have a fear the tree might break or fall, however, here there is a concern, <i>"written arboricultural advice or other diagnostic information from an appropriate expert"</i>, as outlined in Regulation 16(1) of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 should be provided. Where evidence is not provided, considered lesser works would likely be supported, particularly where the one limb is showing little reaction growth.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
				X		
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Oak (T1) - Remove south side limb due to split on trunk, remove west side limb due to dead bark on top. CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce south limb and west limb by up to 2m from the branch tips.					
Conditions	Standard quality and time					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	1		0		0	
Objection/ support consideration	The support comment has been considered during decision-making process.					