

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/98341				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Address	SIMPKINS COURT, 241 HURSLEY ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD				
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Remove to ground level. Works as advised in arboricultural report. 1no. Oak (T2) - Reduce lateral growth towards property (Eastern aspect) by 1.5-2m to provide a minimum of 2m property clearance, remove epicormic growth from main stems. Provide property clearance.				
Assessment Date	08/11/24				
Officer comments	T1 is to the front of the property, it is a mature tree that is highly visible from the public highway. It is considered to have high amenity value and offers character to the local area. The oak has previously been heavily reduced with a number of visible large pruning wounds, some are occluding. The main scaffolds have already been shortened. The tree is in fair vigour. Some deadwood is present. This is comparative to that was present when the tree was inspected previously for application T/24/97278 in May 2024. Deadwood can be removed without the need to submit an application. The tree does have a Ganoderma bracket. The applicant has stated that the structural integrity of the stem is compromised due to decay and/or cavities. Hollowing of an oak forms part of the aging process and is normal for the species. The applicant has not provided sufficient detail on the extent of hollowing, therefore, the recommendation to remove the tree is deemed unjustified given the high amenity value of the tree. Evidence detailing the extent of decay should be provided with future applications. Where this is not provided, a considered reduction may be supported. T2 is to the front of the property. It is a mature oak in overall good vitality. The tree offers high levels of visual amenity. The applicant has proposed to prune the tree to provide up to 2m clearance from buildings and remove epicormic growth on the main stem. This is reasonable for the management of the tree within its location.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
			X		Raise no objection
					TPO
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Oak (T1) - Remove to ground level.				

	CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T2) - Reduce lateral growth towards property (Eastern aspect) by 1.5-2m to provide a minimum of 2m property clearance, remove epicormic growth from main stems		
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 the decision-making process.		