

Eastleigh Borough Council Preservation Order and Conservation Area Application Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/98545				
Surveyor	Charlotte Holloway				
Site assessment Date	08/01/25				
Address	24 VESPASIAN WAY, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH, SO53 2DF				
Work notification/ request	1no. English Oak (T1) - Fell. Tree is exhibiting poor physiological form, significant die back from canopy tips, retrenchment, sparse foliage & some chlorosis of leaves. Main stem shows considerable wounding, with a 1m x 0.5m wound to the bark, exposing sapwood, separated by a thin cambial layer. The wounding has some secondary growth, or wall 4 of CODIT. The stem is covered in brown/black lesions from the wounding with a dark exudation, consistent with <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i>. Applicant proposes to replace with 1no. <i>Quercus petraea</i>, 1no. <i>Acer griseum</i>, & 1no. <i>Liquidambar styraciflua</i>.				
Comments/ observations following site visit	The tree is situated along the rear boundary of the property and forms the end of a linear oak group, typical of a historical boundary. The tree is highly visible from multiple viewpoints offering good levels of visual amenity. Whilst T1 had a slightly sparse appearance at previous inspection, currently it exhibits normal bud density. The tree was previously subject to application T/24/98336, which was a request to fell. The applicant was granted consent under this application to undertake a <i>“crown reduction of up to 3m from branch tips.”</i> The applicant has proposed to fell the tree under this application citing <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i> at the justification. <i>P. ramorum</i> is notifiable, therefore, where it is suspected it should be reported to the relevant authority. Diagnosis should accompany the TPO application. This has not been provided; therefore, other more likely casual agents have not been ruled out. As with the previous application, the applicant has stated that they do not have a fear the tree might break or fall. Where there is a request to carry out work in the absence of any safety concerns, <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. The request to fell this tree is deemed unjustified and any future applications must be supported by appropriate evidence.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
		X			
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. English Oak (T1) - Fell.				

Conditions			
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments			
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	1	0
Objection/ support consideration	The objection comment has been taken into consideration during the decision-making process.		