

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/24/98626					
Surveyor	SK					
Address	28 BLUESTAR GARDENS, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2UZ					
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1, rooted in the side garden of 26 Bluestar Gardens) - Selective reduction of overhanging branches by up to max. of 1m from the tips of the branches. Limit any cuts to max. of 50mm, to restore natural overall shape of tree, from current unbalanced shape as viewed from No. 26, 28 & 30 Bluestar Gardens. Continuation of 5yr ongoing maintenance/care plan to manage current size, maintaining its health within restricted space.					
Assessment Date	22/01/25					
Officer comments	Good form oak with high amenity from several properties all round tree (i.e. to rear as well as from the front) growing from neighbour's property. Disagree with the statement that the tree is currently imbalanced – see photos. It has been reduced in the past and has a somewhat unnatural spherical shape. The branches are not yet in contact with the property that has applied for works. Minor trimming on the overhanging section to a maximum clearance of 2.5m (i.e. restricted to the lower canopy) could be done with little detriment to the tree – max cut size would be approximately half that stated but the reasons given do not meet any of the acceptable parameter for carrying out works. The tree is not in a 5-year management plan as most of the recent applications have been refused. It will be reasonable to allow clearance to the property if it grows closer in future, but as this is already at a suitable distance to ensure no damage occurs, at the present time this is not warranted.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
		X				
Decision notice	REFUSE: 1no. Oak - Selective reduction of overhanging branches by up to max. of 1m from the tips of the branches.					
Conditions	N/A					
Notes to applicant	The reasons stated for wanting to carry out works to a third-party tree are insufficient validation to prune a healthy tree. No concerns over the condition or damage are stated. It will be reasonable to allow clearance to the property if it grows closer in future, but as this is already at a suitable distance to ensure no damage occurs, at the present time this is not warranted.					

Parish comments	No Objection subject to the usual conditions of the tree officer.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration			