

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/98964
Surveyor	AM
Address	SNOWDROP PLACE, PAVILION ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2ZS
Proposed work	2no. Oak (T4 & T5) - Crown lift to 4m above ground & reduce crown by up to 2m. Causing excessive shade in garden & growing too big for the area.
Assessment Date	10 th March 2025
Officer comments	Note: A horse chestnut was also proposed to be reduced as part of this application. However, it was severely decayed at the base and at foreseeable risk of failure to the highway so was dealt with under a Reg 14 Exception and withdrawn from this current application. The oaks are within G20 of TPO 114-E. The two oaks, T4 and T5 are sited in the garden of Snowdrop Place care home but visible to the public from Woodhouse Lane. The care home was designed in conjunction with these trees in order to maintain the amenity that they provide. Consideration would have been given to future growth of these trees. Both trees are mature but show signs of stress; the crowns are not as dense as they should be and there is a scattering of dead branches in both. It is unclear what has caused this stress but Google Streetview does appear to show that it pre-dates the development. The proposal is to crownlift and reduce both trees. This has been proposed on the basis that the trees cause excessive shade and are too large for the area. The development was designed and built around these trees. They do not appear to have grown excessively during the short length of time that the care home has been occupied. Reducing the trees will result in both casting a smaller shadow over the garden. The benefit in doing so appears negligible due to the proximity and orientation to the building/garden but the impact to the trees is likely to be significant. As above, both are physiologically stressed and removal of the outer parts of the trees, their twigs, buds and leaves, will cause further stress due to declining ability for photosynthesis. The proposed crownlifts are modest and should be permitted.

	Hedge End PC’s comments have been considered.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
			X		Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	REFUSE PERMISSION: 2no. Oak (T4 & T5) - Reduce crown by up to 2m. REASON FOR REFUSAL: The proposed crown reductions of oaks T4 and T5 would adversely affect visual amenity and compromise the physiological health of the trees, both of which were seen to exhibit signs of stress during the site visit. GRANT PERMISSION: 2no. Oak (T4 & T5) - Crown lift to 4m above ground.					
Conditions	In accordance with BS3998					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	Hedge End PC – Object due to excessive work without supporting evidence (full comments uploaded to system).					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	None received.					