

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99011
Surveyor	AM
Address	3 HALES DRIVE, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4EQ
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Crown Reduction by 2-3m to growth points leaving a maximum pruning wound of 100mm. Crown Lift to give 2m clearance over the garage & property. Crown Clean. Reason: Regular maintenance of the Oak tree overhanging the garage & the property.
Assessment Date	3 rd April 2025
Officer comments	Protected as T1 of TPO ref: 704, confirmed 14th July 2011. Mature oak measured by eye to be 16-18m tall, a stem diameter of approx. 70cm dbh and crown spread of approx. 18m. Noted relatively recent branch failure north side which appears to have taken out several branches beneath it, leaving long stubs. Scattering of dead and/or hung-up branches through crown. Has previously been reduced over garage and house. Visible to public from Hales Drive. Offering local benefit in terms of public, visual amenity. The proposed work comprises of three operations; Crown reduction by 2-3m; Crownlift to give 2m clearance over garage and property; Crown clean. The above work is proposed as “regular maintenance”. The crownlift work will require minimal pruning of small diameter branches only. Crown clean is not a specific term but is generally considered to be the removal of dead, damaged, diseased branches, the removal of fixings, climbing plants etc. Whilst these operations may be perfectly reasonable, the term itself is sufficiently vague that it will need clarifying in the decision notice. The crown reduction appears to relate to the entire crown. The justification put forward (for the whole application) is “regular

	maintenance". This work has not been carried out to the whole tree before so should not be considered as "regular maintenance".					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
				X		
Decision notice	REFUSE CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T1) - Crown reduction by 2-3m, crown clean. Reason for refusal: 1. Reduction of the entire crown has not been sufficiently justified. The tree has not been subject to this work before so it cannot be considered to be 'regular maintenance'. The proposed work will be detrimental to the visual appearance and health of the tree. In the absence of any arboricultural reason to reduce the whole tree, this aspect of the proposal has been refused. Lesser works have been consented (see below). 2. There is no definition of crown cleaning with BS3998:2010. As such, the term is ambiguous and open to interpretation. An alternative specification has been consented (see below). GRANT CONSENT: 1no. Oak (T1) – Crownlift to clear house/garage by 2m. Reduce back over house/garage back to previous reduction points. Crown thin by no more than 10%, favouring the removal of dead, damaged and diseased branches.					
Conditions	BS3998					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	Object to 2-3m as considered excessive. No Objection to reduction back to the 2018 pruning points and subject to the usual Tree Officer conditions.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	0		0		0	
Objection/ support consideration	None received.					