

Application Number T/24/98604  
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We are writing today about the outcome of our Planning application asking Eastleigh Borough council to prune back 2 x oak trees from our property boundary. We were granted to cut back 1 tree that has only 2 branches hanging over the roof of our property. However the other tree that we have been denied has several branches hanging over our property.

We are very concerned about this outcome, as we have already had broken tiles on our main roof replaced by damage caused from branches coming off from the tree. With the frequency of storms increasing, increasing severity, and increasing proximity of the trees to our property, it is causing us stress and anxiety every time we know that there is going to be high winds due to the debris coming down. This exact tree is also weighted more towards our house as the opposite side has been trimmed before by other people.

We have had debris larger than 50mm falling off the tree, and the weights in one of these is considerable, not just a twig. In the summer we are plagued with copious amounts of tree sap from the tree (April through to Oct)

Last year the tree obviously had a large wasp nest in the larger oak tree which then means that every time we opened our windows and doors at the front of the property we have wasps coming in which again makes us anxious. We had large wasps crawling everywhere and even to get into our car was a challenge. However someone came out to view the problem long after the summer and problem had subsided. If anyone had an anaphylaxis problem, that could have been bad.

We like the trees, however, do not want the trees causing anxiety and undue stress frequently due to damage, chance of being hit by debris, stung by a wasp, or even trying to sell a car with paint destroyed on the roof because the tree is extending over our house and boundary far too much.

We have seen both the large oak tree branches being cut on the other side of the tree because it was too close to the adjacent house and even the house across the road having the oak to the left of the property pruned back considerably. We would like you to consider the original proposed application on pruning both oak trees back to our boundary and away from over the top of our property so that we can live without stressing everyday and causing undue anxiety on if something is going to come off the tree or getting stung by a wasp or damaging either the property or our cars.

I would like to urge a member of your team to come out to visit the property so we are able to discuss how to progress from this point onwards, as we are unhappy with the current decision and feel that something can be worked out to allow us to feel safer, and also maintain the look and visibility of the tree, as from when this application was put in, we did not have any contact with anyone until the decision had been made and this was only by email.

Look forward to hearing back from yourselves and working out a plan of action which both sides agree on.

Kind Regards,  
Andrew Shepherd