

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99190					
Surveyor	AM					
Address	TESCO SUPERMARKET, HAMBLE LANE, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8GN					
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Prune back the main overhanging limb by 2m with a maximum cut diameter of 200mm. The neighbouring property (53 Devonshire Gardens) has reported that branches leaves & debris from the overhanging Oak tree have fallen into their garden & decking. Additionally, the tree's leaf fall has caused slime to accumulate on the decking, making it slippery which has resulted in falls.					
Assessment Date	18 th February 2025 (under T/25/98764)					
Officer comments	Previous application ref: T/25/98764 (proposal: 1no. Oak - Pruning back the main overhanging limb 5-6m with a maximum cut diameter of 200mm. There are some smaller branches which will also be cut back clear of the residents garden at 53 Devonshire Gardens) refused permission 20th February 2025). The proposal to reduce over the garden by 2m has been made due to branches, leaves and debris falling into the garden. Several photographs of small, dead branches and leaves lying on the lawn have been provided. Pruning of significant amenity trees to prevent this from occurring is generally not a proportionate response to natural phenomena. However, the extent of proposed pruning will be tolerated by the tree without undue impact to public, visual amenity. The application refers to a maximum wound size of 200mm; reducing a limb by only 2m will not result in wounds that large. For the avoidance of doubt, maximum wound size will be clarified via an appropriately worded condition. One public comment was received and has been considered in the decision making process.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
		X			Raise no objection	TPO
Decision notice	Grant: 1no. Oak (T1) - Prune back the main overhanging limb by 2m					
Conditions	BS3998, max wound size.					
Notes to applicant	N/A					

Parish comments	None.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	1
Objection/ support consideration	It is completely the wrong time of year to prune an oak tree. This should be done in late winter or early spring, both for the health of the tree and for the benefit of the wildlife living in and around it. If this application is approved, please delay action until the correct season, and do not remove more of the tree than is absolutely necessary for safety reasons. AM response: Agreed, this time of year is not ideal to carry out most tree work for the reasons noted above. It is the responsibility of the applicant/agent to carry out the necessary checks to ensure no breach of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, Conservation of Habitats and Species Regs etc. In respect of impact to the tree, a condition could be imposed to control the timing of the consented work. However, the consented work is relatively minor in nature, unlikely to significantly impact on the health of the tree and it would be unreasonable to limit work to preferable times of year. This form of condition would normally be reserved for ancient/veteran trees.		