

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99235
Surveyor	IF
Address	3 CHERRYWOOD, UPPER NORTHAM ROAD, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 4LA
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Remove 1x Low limb growing over patio to West. Reduce entire canopy by 3-4m to suitable growth points. 1no. Oak (T2) - Reduce entire canopy by 3-4m to suitable growth points. Reduction is indented to balance a pronounced weight bias towards property, reduce sail effect that Oaks are now exposed to & manage potential risk to adjacent dwelling. 1no. Birch (T3) - Reduce entire canopy by 2-3 to suitable growth points. Several surrounding Birch trees have previously failed. Tree has formed a tight bifurcation point close to ground level & the aim is to reduce wind loading onto the lower union & therefore reduce the potential risk of failure at this point in future.
Assessment Date	08/05/2025
Officer comments	Trees within the rear garden of the property are subject to TPO 276-E W1 and form the edge of the wider woodland. Trees have limited visibility from Cherrywood and no visibility from the main road. Oaks T1 and T2 have had multiple branches removed along the stem in the past and as a result crown breaks are quite high above the ground with tall columnar trunks. There was some confusion over the location of the trees as per the map submitted with the application. The resident confirmed what they believed were the trees subject to the proposal. T1 is the tree closest to the patio and extends over the roof. Pruning back to provide 3m clearance from the house is considered a reasonable management of the tree in its environment with lowest limb to be reduced by no more than 3m, its complete removal back to the stem is deemed excessive and will further add to the columnar lean shape of the tree. T2 does not require any work at this time as it is in adequate distance from any structures or patio; if the applicant/agent feel there is a potential risk of failure they are welcome to reapply with more evidence to support this. T3 birch is located at the back area of the garden that is prone to waterlogging as confirmed by the resident. This might have contributed to the failure of other trees here. The works proposed for T3 are deemed acceptable due to the very low to none public amenity of the tree.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Oak (T1, closest tree to the patio) - Remove 1x Low limb growing over patio to West. Reduce entire canopy by 3-4m to suitable growth points. 1no. Oak (T2) - Reduce entire canopy by 3-4m to suitable growth points. Consent: 1no. Oak (T1, closest tree to the patio) – Prune back to provide 3m clearance from the house, lowest limb to be reduced by no more than 3m. 1no. Birch (T3) - Reduce entire canopy by 2-3 to suitable growth points.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	Object to T1 & T2 if covered by the TPO, no objection to a more limited reduction of 1—2 metres. Object to T3 due to lack of supporting evidence.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	1		0		0	
Objection/ support consideration	The representations made by Hedge End Town Council and the neighbour has been considered during the decision-making process. The neighbour commented that some of the trees lean towards their property too, however, as confirmed during the site visit none of the trees included in the proposal lean towards number 2 Cherrywood.					