

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99252
Surveyor	IF
Address	LAPSTONE PLAYING FIELDS, PAVILLION CLOSE, FAIR OAK, SO50 7PS
Proposed work	1no. Oak (A1) - Fell to ground level or leave a 2m habitat pole. Multiple cavities at base, old fruiting bodies on Western side of stem at ground level. Canopy sparse & lacks bud formation. Delamination on limbs in canopy. 1no. Scots Pine (A2) - Fell to ground level or leave a 2m habitat pole. Multiple limbs historically split out from the canopy & large dead branches. 1no. Elm (A3) - Fell to ground level, dead. 1no. Plum (A4) - Fell to GL. Split at bifurcation point approx 1.5m/2m from ground level. 1no. Oak (A5) - Remove broken hanging limbs. Multiple split hanging limbs.
Assessment Date	30/05/2025
Officer comments	TPO 157-E G5 1no. Oak (A1) is a middle-aged oak tree within a group near the pathway. During the site visit no fungi brackets were observed. The tree flushed since the tree survey included in the application, the crown is not that sparse and the overall condition is fair to satisfactory. Buttresses are quite pronounced but sounding hammer didn't indicate cavities. Granting felling of this tree would be unjustified at this time considering it contributes to the skyline of tall oaks visible from the playing fields, Pavilion Close and Fair Oak Junior School. I would suggest this tree to be checked for its vitality next growing season, then based on how it's doing another application can be submitted. 1no. Scots Pine (A2) the large pine is located on the boundary with the school grounds and is noticeably in decline/dying. Leaving a nature pole will be beneficial for biodiversity. 1no. Elm (A3) – Dead tree with low/no public amenity, can be removed. 1no. Plum (A4) has low public amenity and overall poor vitality. The structural form makes the tree prone to future failure. 1no. Oak (A5) – removal of broken hanging limbs is permitted and will not affect the tree's public amenity or health.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Oak (A1) - Fell to ground level or leave a 2m habitat pole. Consent: 1no. Scots Pine (A2) - Fell to ground level or leave a 2m habitat pole. 1no. Elm (A3) - Fell to ground level, dead. 1no. Plum (A4) - Fell to ground level. 1no. Oak (A5) - Remove broken hanging limbs. Multiple split hanging limbs.					
Conditions						
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None received.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration						