

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99943				
Surveyor	AM				
Address	5 OAKELEY VALE, BURSLEDON, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 8NB				
Proposed work	1no. Group 6 x Sessile Oak (G1) - Reduce lateral branches on North East aspect by up to 3m overhanging parking/road in front of 1-7 Oakley Vale.				
Assessment Date	13 th October 2025				
Officer comments	Area A1 of 736-E applies. TPO confirmed 4th December 2012. The application oaks stand on the north-east edge of a group of similar age/size trees of the same species on a patch of open space. This group is located to the front of the relatively recently completed development. It is visible and fully accessible to the public so offers benefit in terms of public, visual amenity. The trees overhang the access road to 1-7 Oakeley Vale and are beginning to impede access to high sided vehicles. Although not noted as reason within the application, the continuous block of ultimately-large trees to the south of 1-7 Oakley Vale has the potential to become imposing, particularly as the trees mature. As such, some pruning is justified. However, the indiscriminate reduction by 3m of lateral growth to one side threatens to remove substantial portions of the crowns and impact on the natural forms of the trees. In the case of some of the trees, it would be not be possible to cut back to natural target pruning points so would leave unsightly stubs, impacting on both visual amenity and tree health. There is already substantial separation between the properties and the nearest branch tips and the fact that branches simply overhang an access/parking does not justify the extent of work. Lesser works will be acceptable.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
			X		
Decision notice	REFUSE PERMISSION: 1no. Group 6 x Sessile Oak (G1) - Reduce lateral branches on North East aspect by up to 3m REASON FOR REFUSAL: The reason for the application has been stated to address overhanging of a road and parking area. The indiscriminate cutting back by 3m of all trees along this edge is excessive in relation to the reason put forward to support the application. It threatens to remove a substantial proportion of the crowns of these trees, potentially to the point that only stubs remain. This will adversely impact on both public,				

	visual amenity and tree health. Lesser works have been permitted (see below).		
	GRANT PERMISSION: 1no. Group 6 x Sessile oak (G1) – Crownlift to 5m over access road and reduce north-east aspect by up to 1.5m.		
Conditions	BS3998		
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	None.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	None received.		