

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99984						
Surveyor	AM						
Address	SALT HOUSE, YORK ROAD, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5DD						
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T4C) - Tip reduction of distal branches to an even canopy spread of 4m & reshape to form a natural dome shaped canopy as far as reasonable considering the form of the tree & its coastal position. Reason: to reduce the potential for branch failure & to improve form of the tree. Following site visit on the 28th August 2025, fungal fruiting body <i>Laetiporus sulphureus</i> is evident & causing a brown rot of the stem potentially, principal branches. Reduction works appropriate to reduce the risk of structural failure & to seek the retention of the tree in the landscape.						
Assessment Date	28 th August 2025						
Officer comments	The tree was noticed at a joint site visit carried out by the Agent and myself, on 28th August. This was a routine meeting to discuss tree protection measures and potentially exempt access/facilitation pruning of another tree on site. We both noticed the fungal fruiting body stated within the proposal and were able to carry out an above-ground inspection of the tree from scaffolding. The proposed reduction is fully justified in terms of addressing a substantially hollow stem. The reduction will reduce the likelihood of stem or branch failure therefore reduce risk to the public and future residents of Salt House.						
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Raise no objection</td><td>TPO</td></tr> </table>	Raise no objection	TPO
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Decision notice	GRANT PERMISSION: 1no. Oak (T4C) - Tip reduction of distal branches to an even canopy spread of 4m & reshape to form a natural dome shaped canopy as far as reasonable considering the form of the tree & its coastal position.						
Conditions	BS3998						
Notes to applicant							
Parish comments	None.						
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation				
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Objection/ support consideration	Although I appreciate the necessity for this work I am requesting that due to past issues in respect of the protection of this particular tree whereupon a bough was damaged by Contractors and also the roots were tampered with, I would hope that the work to this protected ancient Oak tree be closely monitored throughout the remaining property Development. Thank you AM comment: Noted; it is up to the tree owner and their tree surgeon to ensure a decision notice/its conditions are complied with. For information, the tree is not '<i>ancient</i>' as this is a specific term used to describe trees of national importance which have reached a great age for the species, typically considered for oak to be at around 400 years.
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