

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/99978
Surveyor	IF
Address	1 THE HEDGES, BOTLEY ROAD SO50 7QJ
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1, originates from beyond boundary) - Reduce branches extending over the boundary of No.1 The Hedges only, by up to 2m pruning to suitable growth points with no cuts exceeding 90mm dia. 1no. Oak (T2) - Crown lift to approx. 3m from ground level by removing secondary & tertiary branches only, remove epicormic growth from main stem & primary limbs. Reduce South West lateral branches extending over garden by up to 1.5m blending up into 'shoulder' to maintain a balanced & aesthetically pleasing overall shape. Reason: This is to ensure a good/safe clearance is maintained.
Assessment Date	15/10/2025
Officer comments	TPO 433-E (T1 oak), 433-E (T2 oak) confirmed 21/02/2002 (Bishopstoke, Fair Oak and Horton Heath Local Area Committee) T1 is a large, good form specimen, visible in the close and form the main road providing good level of public amenity. It originates from the neighbouring property. Currently, there is encroachment onto the garage of the Hedges and overhang in to the garden. The proposed reduction of up to 2m is deemed a reasonable management however cut size is to be limited to 60mm. The crown reduction on the Hedges property side will not significantly affect the tree's public amenity. T2 is located behind the property on the boundary with the field and is owned by the same neighbour according to the applicant. Smaller in size and much lower compared to T1 public amenity as can be seen only from the properties overlooking the field. Overall vitality is good however a concrete patio built on the root plate of the tree by previous owners could have contributed to the stress of the tree causing epicormic growth along the stem and limbs. Crown lift would require removal of a branch on the left side which is not secondary as stated in the proposal. Reduction of branches is not justified at the moment as more than adequate distance from the house as well as vertical clearance form the ground. The proposed works could further contribute to the stress and affect the tree's vitality and health. These parts of the proposal are not justified at this time. Removal of epicormic growth is reasonable.

Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
				X		
Decision notice	Refuse: 1no. Oak (T2) - Crown lift to approx. 3m from ground level by removing secondary & tertiary branches only. Reduce South West lateral branches extending over garden by up to 1.5m. Consent to: 1no. Oak (T1, originates from beyond boundary) - Reduce branches extending over the boundary of No.1 The Hedges only, by up to 2m pruning to suitable growth points. Limit cut size to 60mm. 1no. Oak (T2) - Remove epicormic growth from main stem & primary limbs.					
Conditions	Max cut size to 60mm on T1.					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	None received.					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
	0		0		0	
Objection/ support consideration						

T2

