

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/100134
Surveyor	AM
Address	1 ABBEYFIELDS CLOSE, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 5GR
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) - Reduce whole canopy of tree by 3-4m leaving no pruning wound more than 80mm. One side overhanging the house very closely, hits the roof in high winds. One side of tree shows signs of dieback from tips. Will allow for sufficient property clearance & reducing loading on any over extending limbs. 1no. Oak (T2, originates outside the border of the property) - Partially reduce back from property by 2m & 2m in height. There will be no pruning wound that exceeds 60mm. Will allow more light into property & bring canopy closer to boundary line.
Assessment Date	
Officer comments	Trees at this location are protected within W1 of TPO 46-H, confirmed 10th January 1953. The application oak, T1, stands in the rear garden of the property. The stem measures approx. 60-70cm dbh. It's clear from ground level to approx. gutter height where it divides into three main primary branches, with a short, old stub sat amongst these. Several branches are cranked in such a way that suggests the tree may have been subject to storm damage or unsympathetic pruning, with what appears to be quite a few years regrowth. Vitality is reduced; the periphery of the crown appeared sparse and there was some tip dieback and several dead branches throughout. There is an old, large wound to the east side of the stem which is only partially occluded. The proposal is to reduce the whole canopy by 3-4m, limiting pruning wounds to 80mm diameter. This is not ideal in terms of tree health as it is clearly under stress and may not tolerate the work. That said, the old storm damage/reduction points may not be as strong as they could be and branch failure into the garden is a foreseeable risk. The tree is also growing over the roof of the house and has previously been permitted to be cut back on that side. For these reasons, some pruning will be acceptable, just not so much that the lifespan of the tree could be significant shortened. The application oak, T2, stands on land to the side/south-west of the property. It measures approx. 50-60cm dbh. It overhangs part of the garden and has a slight, naturally adopted lean to the south-east. The

	proposal is to reduce the height and spread over the garden by 2m, to increase light and bring it nearer the boundary. The position of the tree in relation to the house/garden, in combination with the other large, mature oak (T1) sited in the garden is such that direct sunlight would be considerably limited. There seems to be no good reason to bring it nearer the boundary. Reducing the property by 2m is acceptable. Taking the view that the height reduction will blend the lateral reduction into the crown leads me to consider this too to be acceptable, allowing for a resulting flowing crown outline.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	REFUSE PERMISSION: T1 Oak: - Reduce whole canopy of tree by 3-4m leaving no pruning wound more than 80mm. REASON FOR REFUSAL: The tree already shows signs of being under physiological stress. Reducing the whole crown by 3-4m would remove a significant proportion of the crown which may compound any existing health issues and potentially leave it vulnerable to other forms of stress. This would compromise the retention span of an otherwise large, long-lived species of tree and one which provides benefit in terms of public, visual amenity. GRANT PERMISSION: T1 Oak: Crown reduce by 2m height and 2m lateral spread, with pruning wounds limited to 80mm diameter. T2 Oak: Reduce property (north-east) segment of the crown by 2m, blending this into the upper crown and reducing height by no more than 2m. Pruning wounds limited to 60mm.					
Conditions	BS3998					
Notes to applicant						
Parish comments	The Planning Committee concurs with the expert opinion of Eastleigh Borough Council's arboriculturalist AM comment: Noted					
Public objection/ support	Support		Objection		Observation	
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Objection/ support consideration	None received.					