

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/100132					
Surveyor	IF					
Address	9 TUTOR CLOSE, HAMBLE-LE-RICE, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4RU					
Proposed work	1no Oak (T1) - Reduce the size of the tree by 4m. The tenants and neighbours have begun to complain about the size.					
Assessment Date	19/11/2025					
Officer comments	TPO 764-E (T1) Oak, confirmed 11 Dec 2013 The applicant has provided photos and videos of the oak T1 located at the far end of their garden. There is another protected oak of a similar size located in close proximity to T1 in the neighbouring garden. T1 has high amenity value. The applicant did not express any concerns regarding the tree's health and vitality and stated their reason for the proposed 4m reduction being the size of T1. The proposed works equal to topping which is considered a poor arboricultural practice that results in multiple pruning wounds of a large size making a tree susceptible to disease and pathogens (BS 3998 2010). In agreement with the objection made by the Hamble Parish Council we believe that a drastic reduction in size is considered unjustified and excessive in the absence of any health and safety reasons and it will reduce the public amenity of the tree significantly (removing 1/3 of the height as stated by the applicant). There is no encroachment or conflict with built structures due to the position of the tree at the far end of the garden. In the past, planning permission was given to reduce the crown by 2m and crown lift to 5m (T/18/84380). Assuming the works had been carried out within the 2 years planning permission validity, it's been 5 years since the last reduction of the crown. Generally, growth of a mature oak slows down significantly and is expected to reach between 0.5 to 1.5m within a 5-year period. It is deemed reasonable to allow the applicant to have the tree pruned back to previous reduction points but not more than. Therefore, the consent will be given to carry out crown reduction to previous pruning points but not more than by 1.5m from the tips.					
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area	
					Raise no objection	TPO
			X			
Decision notice	Refuse: 1no Oak (T1) - Reduce the size of the tree by 4m. Consent: 1no Oak (T1) – Crown reduction to previous pruning points only (by not more than 1.5m).					

Conditions	Pruning in accordance with BS 3998 2010 not exceeding the previous pruning points.		
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	The Planning Committee Object to this application as it is a healthy tree and they can see no valid reasons to reduce by 4metres.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	1	0
Objection/ support consideration	The objection submitted by Hamble Parish Council has been considered during the decision-making process.		