

Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

Application Number	T/25/100304				
Surveyor	AM				
Address	16 SOUTHERN ROAD, WEST END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 3ER				
Proposed work	1no. Oak (T1) (south edge of plot) - Reduction of tree by 2m all over to maintain shape and size in the area.				
Assessment Date	1 st December 2025				
Officer comments	The application oak is protected by TPO ref: 333-E, confirmed 27th September 1995. The tree is prominent in the street-scene. As a large, long-lived and native tree, its overall benefit in terms of public amenity and ecosystem services is high. The crown appears in good health but has previously been reduced (2m reduction permitted/4m reduction refused on application ref: T/19/86061). There's approx. 1m of regrowth from the reduction points. There's good clearance over the garden, driveway and from the house at No.16. Regrowth extends to approx. 1m from the side of the neighbouring property (No.18). Reducing by 2m would go beyond the previous reduction points, removing a large volume of twig/foilage-bearing branches. Pruning wounds would be larger than previously permitted. This would leave the tree vulnerable to environmental stress including the effects of drought, pests and disease. The reason specified for the work is "to maintain shape and size in the area"; there seems ample space around the tree today save for the small diameter regrowth growing towards No. 18. In the absence of any compelling reason to reduce the tree further, the application should be refused permission.				
Decision	Consent	Refuse	Part consent/ Part refuse	Withdrawn / Invalid	Conservation Area
					Raise no objection TPO
		X			
Decision notice	Refuse permission: 1no. Oak (T1) (south edge of plot) - Reduction of tree by 2m all over to maintain shape and size in the area. Reason for refusal: The application oak is prominent in the street-scene, offering long-term benefit in terms of public, visual amenity.				

	In general terms, the higher the amenity value of the tree and the greater the impact of the application on the amenity of the area, the stronger the reasons needed before consent is granted. The reason specified for the reduction is to maintain its shape and size in the area. The tree has not long been reduced and has only around 1m of regrowth in most directions. There seems ample space around the tree and it does not seem disproportionately large in relation to its surroundings. The proposed reduction would go beyond the previous reduction points, removing a large amount of twig and foliage-bearing branches as well as the newly established reduction points. This would be harmful to the overall health of the tree, leaving it vulnerable to environmental stress, potentially shortening its life expectancy and contribution to the amenities of the area.		
Conditions			
Notes to applicant			
Parish comments	None.		
Public objection/ support	Support	Objection	Observation
	0	0	0
Objection/ support consideration	None received.		