

## Eastleigh Borough Council Tree Preservation Order and Conservation Area Assessment Form

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| <b>Application Number</b> | T/25/100402                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Surveyor</b>           | AM                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Address</b>            | Rear of 32 MESCOTT MEADOWS, HEDGE END, SOUTHAMPTON, SO30 2JU                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Proposed work</b>      | <p>T1 - Oak - Reduce North facing limbs back to previous pruning points. Removing around 1 metres growth from the North facing side.</p> <p>T2 - Oak - Crown raise to 7 metres on the North side of the fence and reduce North facing branches by up to 3 metres, leaving branch lengths of 7 metres.</p> <p>T3 - Ash - Crown raise to 7 metres on the North side of the fence and reduce North facing branches by up to 3 metres, leaving branch lengths of 7 metres.</p> <p>T4 - Oak - Reduce North facing branches by 1 metres leaving a branch length of 4 metres.</p> <p>The trees are encroaching from council land onto the car park of 32-54 Mescott Meadows, as well as the nearby bin/bike store.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| <b>Assessment Date</b>    | 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Officer comments</b>   | <p>Trees protected by area A1 of TPO 499-E and G15 of TPO 94-E.</p> <p>Previously refused permission under T/22/93816 to be cut back by 3m. No appeal submitted that I am aware of.</p> <p>Mature trees, clearly visible from the roadside and providing visual separation between the properties to the north and nature reserve to the south.</p> <p>The proposal is to cut back this group of trees by varying amounts, on the basis that <i>they encroach onto a car park and bin/bike store</i>. A further email was received from a tree surgery contractor providing further justification; <i>due to the trees overhanging a communal area and are encroaching further and further toward the property. We wish to reduce the branches facing the building, to allow clearance from the building and garden area below. The reasoning for the measurements given are based upon a 25% branch length reduction which we feel is reasonable to give enough space from the building and garden without compromising tree health.</i></p> <p>In the case of T1 and T4, the proposed pruning will be of low impact to tree health and public amenity. This is because only a small number of small diameter branches will be pruned. However, neither significantly encroach on either the car park nor the bin store. On the basis that the</p> |

|                 | <p>work would be of minimal impact, on balance, the proposed pruning is acceptable.</p> <p>T2 and T3 are centrally located in the group. These have previously been cut back on the north side and there appears ample space beneath the crowns. Crownlifting to 7m would remove large branches, potentially leaving large unsightly stubs. The proposed lateral reduction of 3m is work that has previously been refused permission. When carried out in conjunction with the proposed crownlift, this would result in substantial loss of foliage, compromising tree health and visual amenity. Neither affects the car park or the bin store. There seems reasonable separation between the building and the nearest branch tips. There's also reasonable clearance over the communal area.</p> |        |                              |                        |                       |     |
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| Decision        | Consent                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Refuse | Part consent/<br>Part refuse | Withdrawn /<br>Invalid | Conservation Area     |     |
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| Decision notice | <p>REFUSE PERMISSION:</p> <p>T2 - Oak - Crown raise to 7 metres on the North side of the fence and reduce North facing branches by up to 3 metres, leaving branch lengths of 7 metres.</p> <p>T3 - Ash - Crown raise to 7 metres on the North side of the fence and reduce North facing branches by up to 3 metres, leaving branch lengths of 7 metres.</p> <p>REASON FOR REFUSAL: The application trees are clearly visible to the public from the roadside and the nature reserve to the south. They provide verdant separation between the residential properties and the</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |        |                              |                        |                       |     |

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|                                             | <p>public realm. As such, the Council considers that they provide a high level of public, visual amenity.</p> <p>The proposed pruning of T2 and T3 is excessive. It will be harmful to tree health and to the visual amenity provided by these trees. The reason put forward to justify the work are that these trees encroach on a bin store and a car park, also that they grow close to a building and communal area. Neither T2 nor T3 encroach on either the bin store nor the car park. Whilst the northern parts of the tree grow towards the building and over a communal area, crownlifting to 7m and cutting back by 3m is excessive. Lesser works will be permitted (see below).</p> <p>GRANT PERMISSION:</p> <p>T1 - Oak - Reduce North facing limbs back to previous pruning points. Removing around 1 metres growth from the North facing side.</p> <p>T2 - Oak - Crown raise to 4 metres on the North side of the fence and reduce North facing branches by up to 2 metres, leaving branch lengths of 8 metres. Pruning wounds will not exceed 80mm diameter.</p> <p>T3 - Ash - Crown raise to 4 metres on the North side of the fence and reduce North facing branches by up to 2 metres, leaving branch lengths of 8 metres. Pruning wounds will not exceed 80mm diameter.</p> <p>T4 - Oak - Reduce North facing branches by 1 metres leaving a branch length of 4 metres.</p> |           |             |
| <b>Conditions</b>                           | BS3998                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |           |             |
| <b>Notes to applicant</b>                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |           |             |
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| <b>Parish comments</b>                      | HETC: No Objection subject to the usual conditions of the tree officer including maximum wound diameters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |           |             |
| <b>Public objection/<br/>support</b>        | Support                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Objection | Observation |
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| <b>Objection/ support<br/>consideration</b> | None received.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |             |