

ELAC – Eastleigh and Chandlers Ford Local Area Committee Wednesday
12th January 2022

Application Number: T/21/91858
Case Officer: Matthew Strand
Received Date: 28/10/2020
Site Address: 10 THOROLD ROAD, CHANDLER'S FORD, EASTLEIGH,
SO53 5BR
Applicant: c/o Agent
Proposal: 1 no. Oak (T1) - Reduce tree by approximately one third or
4m - finished height about 8m (almost a pollard). The tree is
in significant decline and a reduction will hopefully re-
invigorate the tree and lessen likelihood of failure.

Recommendation: Consent subject to conditions

CONDITIONS AND REASONS:

- 1) The tree works hereby consented shall be completed within 2 years of the date of this permission and shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details and to British Standard for Tree Work BS3998:2010. Reason: To safeguard the health and amenity of the trees.

Note to Applicant: It is considered that, subject to compliance with the conditions attached to this permission, the proposed tree works are acceptable because they will not materially harm the character of the area, the amenity of neighbours or highway safety, and are in accordance with the policies and proposals of the development plan and after due regard to all other relevant material considerations the local planning authority is of the opinion that permission should be granted.

Note to applicant: All works hereby consented should be carried out by a suitably qualified and insured tree surgeon. A copy of the decision notice should be given to the Tree Surgeon.

Note to applicant: Deadwood may be removed at any time without an application.

Note to applicant: Please be advised that the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended, the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and the Conservation (Natural Habitats) Regulations 1994 protect ALL wild birds, their nests (whether in use or being built) and eggs and other wild animals including bats and their roosts in or adjacent to trees.

Note to applicant: The granting of consent does not give the applicant or their agent a legal right to enter land without the owner's permission.

Note to applicant: Advice regarding overhead utilities should be sought with the relevant service provider prior to commencing works.

Note to applicant: Please follow current recommended Bio-security measures - Further advice can be found at <https://www.trees.org.uk/News-Blog/News/Biosecurity-in-Arboriculture-and-Urban-Forestry-Po>

Note to applicant: Deadwood within trees provides a rich and important habitat; it can be a natural part of the trees life cycle. Consider retention of deadwood where it is safe to do so.

Report:

1. This application has been referred to Committee due to the applicant being married to a local councillor.

Description of application

2. 1 no. Oak (T1) - Reduce tree by approximately one third or 4m - finished height about 8m (almost a pollard).

Tree

3. The subject trees are protected under area Tree Preservation Order 254-E.
4. T1 is a mature Oak tree located in the front garden close to the boundary of 8 Thorold Road. T1 is one of many mature trees in the local area.
5. The upper canopy is very sparse with sporadic bud and small twig growth. Major deadwood is also present in the upper the canopy. This is consistent with the tree in the initial stages of decline. There were no obvious reasons for the decline on my site visit and none stated in the application. However the trees declining condition is obvious.
6. The mid and lower canopy has a good small bud and small twig density, which given the opportunity would likely regenerate.
7. Due to the tree`s size and location it is highly visible from the public highway, adding to the character of the area.

Site Characteristics and Character of the Locality

The site is located in a residential setting with a high number of mature trees throughout, creating a woodland character to the local area.

Relevant Planning History:

There is no related planning history.

Representations Received:

There were no representations for this application.

Impact of proposed works on trees:

8. The reduction of the canopy will have an effect on the physiology of the tree, it will remove a specific amount of photosynthetic area and create wounds. As the canopy is in decline this impact will be significantly reduced and is much preferable to further decline. The works will also reduce the likelihood of branch and or stem failure.

Impact of proposed works on amenity:

9. Whilst the removal of a significant amount of canopy will have an impact on the amenity value of the tree, the works are reasonable management, considering the decline of the upper canopy and the increasing risk it poses to the adjacent properties and residents. Management of the declining canopy now, is preferable to removal of the entire tree in the future. Reducing the canopy down to suitable growth points will give the tree a good chance to regenerate and remain a high value tree in the local area.

Other material considerations:

Equalities Implications:

10. Section 149 of the Equalities Act 2010 created the public sector equality duty. Section 149 states:-
 - A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to:
 - a. eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
 - b. advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;

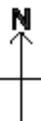
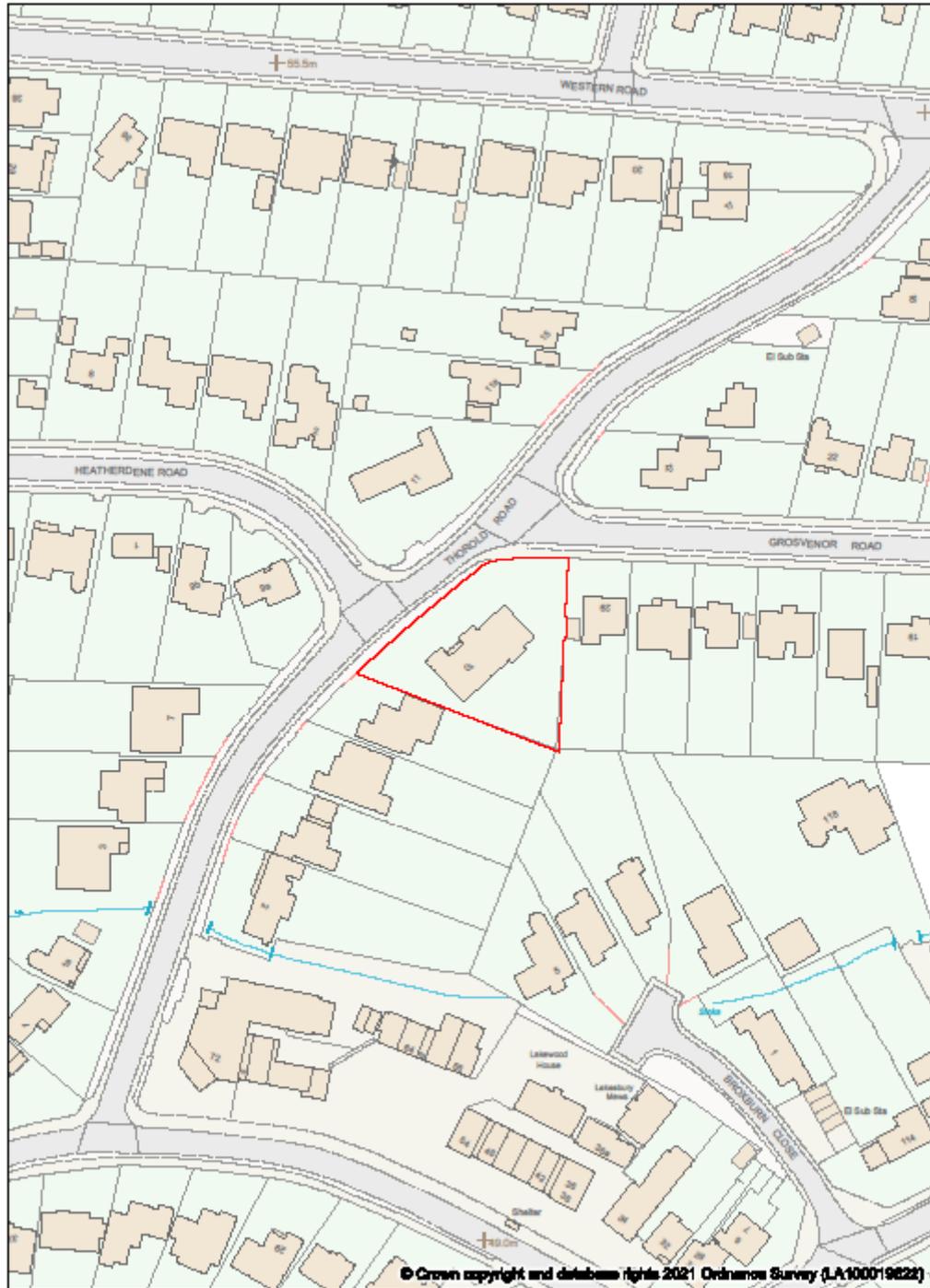
- c. foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

11. When making policy decisions, the Council must take account of the equality duty and in particular any potential impact on protected groups. It is considered that this application does not raise any equality implications.

Conclusion

12. The proposed works to T1 are considered reasonable and will not be of significant detriment to the amenity of the tree. The recommendation is to grant consent for these works.

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