

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor A Briggs - Cowplain

Councillor D Keast - Cowplain

Councillor Narinder Bains - Cowplain

6 Community Involvement

This application was publicised in accordance with the Council's Code of Practice for Publicity of Planning Applications approved at minute 207/6/92 (as amended), as a result of which the following publicity was undertaken:

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 8

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer Comment

7 Planning Considerations

7.1 Having regard to the relevant policies of the development plan it is considered that the main issues arising from this application are:

- Whether the degree of pruning works requested would undermine the amenity value of these trees and whether this could also be harmful to their ongoing health and vitality.

7.2 My inspection related specifically to assessing the proposed works rather than generally inspecting the tree's health and condition in any great detail. I visually

inspected the tree from ground level and the following report deals with the relevant issues that have been raised on site, in the application form and from my site observations.

- 7.3 The application relates to the proposed works to a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order. The application is for a moderate amount of reduction of an oak that has a history of reduction with Permission (Sep 2013 and Nov 2002). Viewing the tree via Google StreetView August 2020, the tree has regrown well following the most recent reduction and looks to be in full health. In full leaf it looks unspoilt, previous reduction work is not evident. The tree has had plenty of time to recover from previous reduction (assumed to have been completed in 2013) and physiologically it should tolerate repeat reduction comfortably. The proposed reduction will temporarily diminish its amenity value but I would expect this to be restored quickly as regrowth forms.

8 **Conclusion**

The works are considered appropriate and proportional, therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00185

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions

- 1 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall not be carried out otherwise than in full accordance with all relevant content of BS 3998 (2010).
Reason: In the interests of tree health and safety.
- 2 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 16/04/2022
Reason: To control the timing of the works