

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 5

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 proposed works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order. I have had to assess this using google streetview, due to temporary working restrictions. No photographs have been provided by the applicant. The applicant has not

provided any REASON for the work he is applying for.

However it appears that all oaks in the immediate vicinity, including those at 12 Stephen Close, have been pruned very robustly at various times, I was unable to find any untouched/unspoilt oaks. There is a long list of applications for reduction work to oaks at Stephen Close generally, I picked out two at random and both were given consent. Reduction of oaks specifically at 12 Stephen Close was permitted February 2016 and march 2001 and possibly February 1991 (the decision is not recorded for this last application) It may be unreasonable therefore, to refuse this application. The applicant has specified reduction of 1x oak to be 1.5m off the height leaving a height of 13m and 11.5m off the height of the other oak, leaving a height of 13m. I am working on the assumption that 11.5m is a typing error and both trees are to be reduced in height by 1.5m.

8 Conclusion

The works are considered to be 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/20/01198

(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 15/03/2021
Reason: To control the timing of the works