

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

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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: 10

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 This application to undertake works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one Lime and two Sycamore trees.

With regard to the Lime The lower part of the crown bulges out an extra 3.5m or so on the west side and is starting to come into contact with walls and roof. Hence the 3.5m reduction on the west side applied for will in fact restore the symmetry of the tree and so the 1m reduction of the north and south west sectors may not be necessary in this respect. However, the primary fork at 5m is structurally imperfect especially as viewed from the south side so this reduction will be helpful in slightly reducing the loading on this fork. In any case, the tree has been reduced overall and is showing up to 3.5m of regrowth in places.

With regard to the Sycamores, the work will have a negligible effect on the appearance of these mature trees. Crown spread to W is approximately 7m. Reduction by 1.5m will be slightly more than reduction in line with driveway edge but it will not impact the trees. The reduction will leave a spread to west of around 5.5m.

No public comments have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate and therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/21/00234

(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 one year from the date of this decision notice.
Reason: To control the timing of the works

