

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
I don't believe trees under a TPO should be felled unless they are replaced with another as a minimum	Comments noted. This particular tree to be felled is a small heavily suppressed specimen. Replacement planting is not considered to be appropriate in this instance given the lack of suitable space for a new tree.

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 Oak tree in the north east corner of the rear garden and the felling of an Oak in the north west corner of the rear garden.

The trees form part of a linear group of mature Oaks which run along the rear boundaries of properties in Grassmere Way. The Oak to be crown reduced has a heavily one sided crown to the south and over the garden structure. The intention to crown reduce to reshape is considered to be appropriate to reduce the encroachment.

The Oak to be felled is a suppressed specimen with relatively poor form due to the larger Oaks either side of it. Given this, it has little public amenity value. Its removal will not have a negative affect on the street scene. A replacement tree will not be conditioned as there is little space to plant one in the garden given the existing Oak and garden structures.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

The works proposed are 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/20/00572 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.