

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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

5 **Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations**

Councillor Alex Rennie

Councillor T Hart - Bondfields

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: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
The cypresses definitely need cutting back. For years now, a branch has been dangling precariously. They are far too big and too near the properties in Monterey Drive. I love trees and these ones for being different but I believe they need serious pruning if not removal altogether. My neighbour at (REDACTED) has been trying to get something done about them for years and years, being thrown between your Council and the property developers. The roots of the tree have extended under her garden, lifting up her patio as a conifer's roots will do as they grow near the surface of the ground. Very dangerous! Please do something about it and it should not be at the expense of my neighbour, (REDACTED), as she never planted them in the first place and they are not in her garden. Thank you.	Comments noted. This would need to be reported directly to the tree owner for investigation.

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 three mature Monterey Pines adjacent to a highway. The application is to crown clean the canopies and crown lift to 6m over the highway. A desk based assessment has been made due to COVID 19 restrictions as sufficient photographic evidence has been provided to make a decision. An inspection of the trees has not taken place but no evidence has been provided to suggest the condition of the trees is compromised.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 Conclusion

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and necessary to maintain clearance over the highway therefore permission should be granted.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00675 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.