

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor Julie Thain-Smith

Councillor Lulu Bowerman

Councillor R Kennett

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: 3

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 tree subject to this application is a mature Oak situated in the rear garden of a residential dwelling adjacent to the western boundary.

It has now reached a size which is dominating the garden and the application is to crown reduce the tree to rebalance the crown and maintain it at a smaller size. Development is also underway in the field adjacent and the limbs hang low over the field.

The tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species and the reduction should not have a negative impact on the tree. Following the reduction, it will still be a prominent tree in the street scene.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate and will not harm the health or amenity value of the tree therefore permission should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00678 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.