

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Councillor D Keast - Cowplain

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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: 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 This application to undertake work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one Oak tree growing adjacent to the rear garden of the property, outside of the applicant's ownership.

The Oak's limbs extend over the garden of the property and the applicant wishes to reduce the overhanging branches by 2m to alleviate the encroachment over the garden.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a site visit has not been undertaken, therefore a detailed inspection of the tree has not been made. The applicant has provided a photo which demonstrates the pruning proposed. The Oak has been historically reduced and appears to be in a reasonable condition.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

The work proposed appears to be reasonable and proportionate and should 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/20/00350 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.
Reason: To control the timing of the works