

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 16

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 mature Lime tree in the on the eastern boundary of the property and adjacent to Park Crescent.

The application is to crown reduce the tree for maintenance and to reduce the wind sail of the tree.

A desk based assessment of this application has been made due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Additional supporting information has been submitted by the agent which includes a photo of the tree subject of this application and a photo of the adjacent Lime which has previously been reduced because of its condition and looks to be infected with *Kretzschmaria deusta*.

Whilst the agent has not submitted evidence that the subject tree is infected, they share the same rooting area and he states that the tree is showing reduced vitality and dieback. This is evident in the photo provided.

The reduction proposed will reduce the end loading on the limbs and reduce the risk of failure. A tree of this size and species will tolerate a crown reduction, and it can be managed and a smaller size whilst retaining its public amenity value.

No objections to the application 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/20/00205

(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.

Reason: To control the timing of the works