

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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

## **5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations**

**Councillor Gary Hughes**

**Councillor Husky Patel**

**Councillor Ms C Howard - Purbrook Ward**

## **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: 6

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

| <b>Comment</b> | <b>Officer Comment</b> |
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## **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 Oak tree in the rear garden of the property.

As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species. Some of the branches are now encroaching over the garden area and over the conservatory and the applicant wishes to reduce the encroachment.

The tree has been historically reduced which is clearly evident from the pruning points within the canopy. Crown reduction to the previous pruning points will not affect the health or amenity value of the tree.

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.

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## 9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00345 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.