

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 6

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 Oak tree which is situated in the rear garden of the property, in the northern corner.

The applicant wishes to prune the tree to reduce shading and for maintenance.

The tree is a large specimen which, given its size and position in the street scene has significant public amenity value. As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species.

While shading is not always a justified reason to undertake work, the tree is now

reaching a size which is outgrowing its location as it is in proximity to the applicants property and the neighbouring property. In order to maintain a harmonious relationship between the tree and the occupants it is considered to be appropriate and proportionate to allow the crown reduction. The reduction proposed is not excessive for a tree of this size therefore the work will not negatively impact 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.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/20/00619

(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 notice.
Reason: To control the timing of the works