

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 5

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 large mature Oak tree located in the rear north western corner of the garden.

The reasons for the work are because of excessive overhang to the property and the two neighbouring properties and it is too large for the area.

The Arboricultural Officer comments that it is a mature tree which appears to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species. Although located in the rear garden it is considered to be a prominent feature in the street scene.

The specification of work has been modified to a lesser reduction with the agreement of the agent. The work proposed will reduce the size of the tree and its dominance over the gardens of the properties affected, but will not negatively affect the health or the tree or the public amenity value it provides.

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/20/00339 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 1st July 2021.
Reason: To control the timing of the works