

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 11

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
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See Representation in Documents: Object - Dated 13/01/2020	

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 a small mature Oak tree which is situated in the middle of the applicant's rear garden.

Branches are starting to encroach over the conservatory and the applicant would like to prune the tree to reduce the encroachment and the overall size of the tree.

As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to be healthy and structurally sound. Because of its size and position it is considered to offer public amenity to the street scene. It does however cover a large portion of the applicant's modest sized garden and it is not unreasonable that some limited pruning be undertaken.

Two objections to the application have been received based on the extent of the work proposed. The amount of reduction has been amended with the agreement of the applicant.

8 Conclusion

A crown reduction of 1.5m will not have a negative impact on 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/19/01021 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 13/02/2021.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.