

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 4

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
I have 2 concerns with this. The 1st being that 7m seems a excessive amount to be taken off. I think 5m would be more sensible, I believe that 5m is what was taken off back in 2006 and was equally round, as it was when 5m was taken off a lot of privacy was taken away from us and the property behind so being 7m gives me concern. The 2nd concern is that it only says to the western side, for the trees health, for future growth and also safety issues should it not be pruned equally all round to keep it balanced? I do not object to the tree being pruned but I do object to the excessive amount and not being all round.	The application has been modified to reduce the amount of crown lifting. The Arboricultural Officer cannot enforce more work to be carried out however the work proposed should not affect the tree.
The only objection I have to this application is that when the West side as been cut and nothing else, this in my mind would create an issue on the East side, ie would this not make the East side more heavier and more susceptible to danger on the East side in a storm. ie- would it not create danger of the	The application has been modified to reduce the amount of crown lifting. The Arboricultural Officer cannot enforce more work to be carried out however the work proposed should not affect the tree.

tree being unbalanced and susceptible to being blown over. If the applicant cut the tree evenly would this then solve any issues ie-re-balance the tree.	
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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 situated in the rear garden of 228 Victoria Road but which overhangs the garage and property of 31 Markway Close.

Access to the tree could not be gained therefore the work was assessed purely on public amenity and not on its condition however the crown of the tree appeared healthy.

The tree is now almost touching the applicant's property and significantly overhangs the garage. The work proposed will alleviate the encroachment and will not affect the tree.

8 **Conclusion**

The work proposed is considered to be appropriate and proportionate and therefore consent should be granted.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/19/00970

(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 21/11/2020.
Reason: To control the timing of the works