

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Councillor Julie Thain-Smith

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: 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 crown reduction of one mature Oak tree growing at the rear of 22 Christopher Way.

The application is to crown reduce back to the previous pruning points, due to shading and for maintenance. No objections to the application have been received.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions a desk based assessment has been undertaken. There is a history of cyclical crown reductions having been undertaken on the tree over a period of 15 years at 7-8 year intervals. The agent has provided photos to show the tree appears to have good vigour and vitality for its age and species.

The proposal to crown reduce back to the previous pruning points is therefore considered appropriate and proportionate to manage the tree in its location.

8 Conclusion

The work proposed is considered to be acceptable and 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/20/00260 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 1 year from the date of this decision.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.