

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

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: 8

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 works to trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one Oak and felling of one Oak, both in the rear garden of the property.

The Oak to be felled is a mature specimen in very poor condition with dead and soft wood around the base and Ganoderma brackets visible. The tree should be removed and replaced.

The Oak to be pruned has over extended limbs over the garden and the applicant seeks to reduce to reshape and retain the tree. As far as it was reasonable to see

the tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality and the work will ensure the retention of this tree at a size appropriate for the garden.

No objections or representations have been received.

8 Conclusion

The works proposed are appropriate and necessary and permission should be granted.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/19/00013

(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 28/02/2020.
Reason: To control the timing of the works
- 3 The tree to be felled shall be replaced by one *Betula pendula* (Silver Birch) to be planted in a position as near as practicable to the position of the tree to be felled and at a height of at least 1.8 metres when such replacement planting is carried out.
Reason: To conserve and safeguard the visual amenities of the locality.