

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 6

Number of site notices: At least one site notice exists - check the number.

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Comment	Officer Comment
Hi - As I am on the adjacent land, I welcome some thinning of the overgrown frontage of no 9. As part of this, the large Yew tree now stands out as an imposing plant and although majestic and subject to TPO, it could possibly be due a minor prune in order to maintain its robustness and longevity on the site as it has been un-touched for many years. I have no objection to the pruning of this tree provided it is in accordance to the guidelines for this tree type and according to the TPO rules and it results in an aesthetically pleasing tree once re-growth has started.	Comments noted. The work to be carried out has been amended from originally applied for so as not to be detrimental to the health and amenity value of the tree.
We welcome the proposal provided the work is carried out by a qualified tree surgeon. The yew tree has been neglected for many years - some branches are dead - and remedial action needs to be taken. The result should help preserve the tree and will enhance the area.	Comments noted. The work to be carried out has been amended from originally applied for so as not to be detrimental to the health and amenity value of the tree.

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 Yew tree. Because of its size and position on the property it is a prominent tree in the street scene. As far as it was reasonable to see the tree appeared to have good vigour and vitality.

A neighbouring large tree has recently been removed leaving the south western side of the tree bare with limited foliage. However now light will be able to reach this side of the canopy it should recover in time once the dead wood is removed.

The original description has been amended as it would have been detrimental to the health and amenity value of the tree and the agent has agreed to this amended proposal to crown lift to 3.5m. This will give clearance of the footpath and garden and allow more light to the dwelling.

No objections to the application have been received.

8 **Conclusion**

Permit

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/00890

(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 30/10/2019.
Reason: To control the timing of the works