

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

Conservation Area: Emsworth

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Landscape Team

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: 3

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

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.

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.

This notification relates to a semi mature Norway Maple tree located at a property in Bath Road, which falls within the Emsworth Conservation Area. The tree is situated in the rear garden of the property, close to the southern boundary with the neighbouring dwelling. Due to the staggered placement of the buildings, the tree's canopy in it's entirety can be easily viewed from the street scene. There are no obvious signs of poor basal and the tree is displaying what appears normal in vigour and vitality. The main stem has a compression fork at an approximate height of 3m where the main stem splits into two scaffold limbs. Within the canopy, there is evidence of previous management and the specified crown reduction by 2m would result in small diameter wounds only that would remove the regrowth back to the previous pruning points. This would serve to manage the tree's size in relation to the neighbouring dwelling, which is also located close to the boundary. These works would not detriment the overall health of the tree, the aesthetic integrity of the conservation area or the individual public amenity value the tree offers to the street scene.

8 **Conclusion**

Raise No Objection

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/17/00103

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions