

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

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
From a landscape perspective we have no adverse comments in relation to this application.	

Summary:

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.

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.

The application relates to a Twisted Willow tree located in the rear garden of a property, which falls within the conservation of St Faiths. The Willow had heavily restricted views from the street scene since it is located near to the rear boundary and there are only distance, passing glimpses of the upper crown above the property's garage. Therefore the tree possesses limited public amenity value.

The tree is a twin stemmed specimen with an included union, however there were no other signs of poor basal condition. Within the crown there is evidence of its previous management and it appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. However the tree possesses poor form and is a poor quality specimen. For this reason, in combination with its limited visual amenity, the tree would fail to meet with the criteria for a TPO and therefore no objection can be raised as to the proposed works.

The application also mentions the removal of an Oriental Plum tree under the Dead or Dangerous Exemption. Upon inspection, the tree is evidently dead and can be removed.

8 Conclusion

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9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/17/00995

(A)

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