

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
This is a lovely Ash tree within full view of our house and garden, and have enjoyed its presence since living here. We appreciate that this forest tree needs crown reducing and support this application. By the way, your Commenter Type question does not make sense to me as I am not a Complainant and have no idea what "Consultation modified " has to do with anything. As I have had to use one of these I have chosen the least worse option. This question seems pointless.	Noted

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 The application relates to a mature Ash tree located in the centre of a rear garden in Deanswood Drive, Waterloo. The property is located close to the end of the Cul-de-sac and only the upper crown can be viewed from the street scene. Therefore the tree possesses minimal public amenity value.

Within the crown, there is a minor amount of dieback evident and signs of previous pruning works. However, the canopy possesses relatively dense foliage and appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality.

The proposed works to reduce the tree back to its previous pruning points would reduce the amount of falling debris and reduce some of the weight of the crown. The works will bring the furthest extending branches away from the dwelling's rooftop and allow more natural light into the property. These works would be consistent with its previous management without causing detriment to the health of the tree or to any

amenity value that the tree may possess.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00692 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 pruning/surgery for which consent is hereby granted shall not exceed the following: Crown reduce 1No. Common Ash (T12) back to previous pruning points subject to TPO 1205.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree(s) and its/their importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 24/10/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works