

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

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: 16

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
We would like to support the application in that it will balance the growth to a protected Oak tree. However, we would also request that vehicular access to our property and ability to use the turning area to turn our car is not blocked or restricted during the works. Previous tree surgeon work prevented my wife from accessing our property for over 3 hours when she was time-constrained and needed access.	Comments noted. This issue around vehicles will need to be taken up with the applicant.

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 carry out work to a tree protected by a Tree Preservation Order relates to the proposed pruning of one large mature Oak tree located within 20 Billett Avenue but overhanging the applicant's property.

As far as it was reasonable to see the tree has good vigour and vitality and it is a prominent specimen in the landscape.

The proposal to crown reduce by 2m should not impact the health or amenity value of the tree and is considered to be appropriate and proportionate.

8 **Conclusion**

Permit

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/18/00346 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 23/05/19.
Reason: To control the timing of the works