

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.
Conservation Area: Not applicable.

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

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.

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 three Western Red Cedar trees that line the boundary between the frontage and the rear garden of neighbouring properties. The trees are located at the far end of a cul-de-sac with some amenity value as they can be viewed from the street scene without obstruction. The trees form a grouping with nearby Cedars that continues along the boundary line into the neighbouring rear garden. There is evidence of previous pruning and the middle Cedar has signs of a major limb having been removed, possibly due to a mechanical failure. At the site of the wound there is evidence of decay in the centre, otherwise the trees appear to be displaying what is normal in vigour and vitality. The application proposes to crown raise the trees by 3m which would give clearance above the property's driveway. The works also include a crown reduction of 1.5m that would bring the trees to a level matching that of the neighbouring Cedars that have already been reduced. These works would be considered reasonable cyclical management for trees of this maturity and location and maintain a harmonious relationship between the trees, the resident's driveway and the neighbouring property.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01263

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 raise by 3m and crown reduce by 1.5m, 3No. Western Red Cedar Trees. All trees within G2 subject to TPO 0891.
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 01/03/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.