

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: 3

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

Comment	Officer 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.

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 relates to a mature Birch located in the rear garden of the property. It is growing out of a shrub bed and there is evidence of historical pruning to maintain its shape and size. The tree has put on significant growth since the last time it was pruned and the applicant wishes to reduce the tree back to previous pruning points and crown lift to 3 metres. The tree is showing normal vigour and vitality. As this work has been undertake in the past, it is now appropriate for the tree to be pruned again. It should not harm the health of the tree.

8 **Conclusion**

Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/01041 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 12 December 2018.
Reason: To control the timing of the works