

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 4

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 The tree subject to this application is a mature Yew located within the rear garden of a property in Emworth Road. The tree possesses minimal views from the street scene, with only brief passing glimpses between neighbouring properties.

This compact Yew dominant the relatively small rear residential garden, with its crown extending over the boundary into the neighbouring land. There are signs of previous pruning works and the tree is displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality.

While the tree requires maintenance due to its size in its location, the original application would have caused significant detriment to the health of the tree and its amenity value. Lesser works with the applicant were negotiated to crown reduce the tree back to its previous pruning points. This would provide reasonable cyclical management without causing detriment to either its health or amenity value and would maintain a harmonious relationship between the tree and the residents within this relatively small residential garden.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00923 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. Yew (T1) to previous pruning points. Subject to TPO 1217.

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 26/10/18.

Reason: To control the timing of the works