

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 5

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 application relates to two mature Oak trees that form part of an Area TPO and are located in the verge of a public footpath. As such they possess a high amenity value.

The base of the main stems are surrounded by Ivy undergrowth that partially extends up their main stems, however there were no visible signs of poor basal condition. The first of the Oaks has evidence of tear out from a major scaffold limb with decay having set in at the site of the wound at an approximate height of 2m on the main stem. The second Oak has extensive decay throughout the crown. Both trees possess poor form and are displaying reduced vigour and vitality.

The proposed works would help to manage the safety risk from any potential structural failure of the limbs and reduce the weight of the canopy. Since the trees already possess poor form, the works would have minimal effect on their public amenity value. These would not cause detriment to the health of the tree and would extend their

useful lifespan.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00843

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/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. Oak by 3m on north sector, 2m south and east sector, 4m west sector and height by 1m; Pollard 1No. Oak to height of 5m, subject to Area 4 of TPO 0088.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the trees and 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 11/10/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.