

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

5 Statutory and Non Statutory Consultations

Landscape Team

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: 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.

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.

This mature Bay tree is located at a property in Brookside Road, which falls within the conservation area of Bedhampton. The tree can be viewed with relative ease from the street scene, however possesses minimal amenity value due to other dense surrounding shrubs.

The base of the Bay could not be assessed due to the dense shrubbery, however the tree is a multi stemmed specimen. The crown appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality and there are signs of previous pruning within the crown.

The proposed works specifies pollarding the crown by 2 metres back to the fence line.

These works are considered to be general garden maintenance and would not cause detriment to the health of this aggressive growing species and would have minimal impact on any amenity due to the surrounding dense planting.

8 **Conclusion**

Raise No Objection

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/17/00835

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions