

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 10

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
The second is a Whitebeam in Frankland Terrace, again a mature tree in a relatively small back garden and we can see that some pruning work is justified, however the scale of work suggested seems extreme and would give the tree the appearance of a "lollypop upon completion.. This tree adds significantly to the street scene in an important part of the Emsworth Conservation Area.	The crown has outgrown its located in a small town garden, meaning that the furthest extending branches are in close proximity to the nearby properties and is obscuring almost all natural light to the garden. The crown also extends over the boundary line with the public footpath. The tree requires heavy management to bring it's size back to a reasonable level. It's current size is unsustainable and inappropriate for it's location. Therefore can be no objection raised as to the proposed works.

Summary:

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.

The application relates to a mature Whitebeam tree located in the rear garden of a property in Frankland Terrace, Emsworth. The crown is visible above the boundary wall that adjoins the public highway. Therefore the tree possesses a good level of public amenity.

The tree was viewed from the street scene due to restricted access, therefore the base and the main stem could not be assessed as to their condition. The crown appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality and there are signs of previous pruning works.

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8 Conclusion

Raise No Objection

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/17/00839 subject to the following conditions