

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Chichester Harbour Conservancy

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: 1

Comment	Officer Comment
The Local Planning Authority is advised that the Conservancy has no objection to this application, but asks that the following matters be negotiated if possible:- Works to take place outside the bird nesting season.	Noted

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 a mature Cedar tree located in the front garden of a property in Far Meadow Way. The property is located at the end of the cul-de-sac with the tree dominating the street scene, representing a significant amenity value.

The base is surrounded by shrubs and the lower main stem is partially Ivy clad. The crown appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. There is the presence of a cavity just below the union of two scaffold limbs on the eastern sector of the upper main stem.

The canopy is overhanging the driveways of the two properties on either side and is in need of some cyclical management. The proposed crown lift and crown reduction would serve to ease the vehicular access to the properties and minimise shading to the front gardens. These works would be considered reasonable and would not cause detriment to the health of the tree or public amenity.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00750 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 laterals 1No. Cedar (T2) by 1m back to previous pruning points and crown raise to give ground clearance of 4.5m, subject to TPO 1163.
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 05/09/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.