

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 7

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 This application is for consent to prune two English Oak subject to TPO 1138. The reason given for the proposed work is that the trees have become too large.

The trees are both in the rear garden of the property. Access was unable to be gained into the garden so the trees were viewed from the road. The trees are mature specimens, both showing normal vitality for their age and species. It would appear from previous reduction points that a cyclical pruning regime has been carried out and the trees appear to have reacted well to the pruning.

A 3 metre crown reduction on both trees is considered to be appropriate management and the work should not harm their health or amenity value and therefore consent should be granted.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00346

(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 2No. Oaks (T1 and T2) by 3m. Subject to TPO 1138.
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 24/05/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works