

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Conservation Area: Not applicable.

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 a mature Poplar tree located within the rear garden of a property in Farriers Way. The tree forms part of a group TPO with other mature Poplar trees in a linear pattern, both in residential gardens and on public land. Since the garden's western boundary adjoins a public footpath, the tree's crown possesses unrestricted views from the the street scene and as such has a high amenity value.

The base of tree could not be assessed since the tree was inspected from the neighbouring garden. On the main stem there is some epicormic growth and the tree is displaying what appears normal in vigour and vitality. There are signs of the tree's previous management which has historically been managed through pollarding.

The originally application proposed a crown reduction of 5m, however this would have left large wounds on major scaffold limbs. It was negotiated with the applicant that the tree would benefit from a reduction back to the previous pollard points, which would remove the regrowth since it's last maintenance. The tree is in need of cyclical management due to it's large size in a relatively small residential garden and the heavy windsail area of the canopy. These works would manage it's size in relation to it's close proximity to the dwellings and reduce any shading nuisance produced by it's canopy. These works would be considered sensible cyclical management for a tree of this species and would be in line with it's past management without causing detriment to it's health or to the amenity value that it contributes to the street scene.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/17/00486

(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: Reduce 1 No. Black Poplar back to previous pollard points, subject to TPO 1150 within G1.
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 03/07/18.
Reason: To control the timing of the works