

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

Landscape Team - No objection

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: 8

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 Oak is located within the rear garden of a property that falls within the conservation area of St.Faiths. The tree can be viewed with relatively ease from the street scene and contributes well to the character of the conservation area.

The base of the main stem could not be inspected due to restricted access and the tree was viewed from the neighbouring garden. The main stem is surrounded by high boundary brick wall, which runs close to its southern and western sector. There is a small amount of epicormic growth on the upper main stem and within the canopy there are signs of previous pruning works. There is a minor amount of deadwood, however the tree appears to be displaying normal vigour and vitality. On the western sector, the lowest limb of an approximate length of 3m appears to be dead.

The proposed works include the removal of this dead limb and a crown reduction of 1.5m on the western sector that overhangs the neighbouring garden. The removal of the dead limb would remove the risk of damage from its potential failure and the 1.5m reduction would be considered reasonable cyclical management to reduce shading to the gardens. The works would not cause detriment to the amenity value the tree possesses or to the overall health of tree.

8 **Conclusion**

Raise No Objection

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/17/00752 subject to the following conditions