

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 8

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 3

Summary: We object to extent of the works applied for within this application.

Comment: Noted and the works have been reduced following discussion between HBC Arb and applicant.

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 tree subject to this application is a mature Oak displaying what appears to be normal vigour and vitality for its age and species. The original specifications applied for were considered excessive and unnecessary for this tree in its location and would impact negatively on the public amenity offered.

It is noted that the tree has a large presence within the applicants garden and that some management is require as is the norm with most urban trees so as to balance harmony between tree, people and built structures. The new specification agreed with the application reflects this and if approved the works should not detriment either the health of the tree or the public amenity value offered to the area.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/00793

(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: Lateral crown reduce 1No. Oak (T3) by 1.5m to the western aspect only within Group G1, subject to TPO 1776.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the tree and its importance in the local landscape.
- 3 The tree works for which consent is hereby granted shall be carried out and completed no later than 27/9/2017.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.