

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: 2

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 0

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 Multi Stemmed Willow resides in the rear garden of the property against a boundary wall. It lacks amenity value due to its position in relation to the street scene having a significantly restricted view by the dwelling and other mature trees in the area. The tree appears to be normal in vigour and vitality. The application includes works to remove the 2 stems closest to the brick wall that have already been heavily pollarded and are now pushing against the wall. These works would not harm the tree or any amenity value but would serve to protect the structural integrity of the boundary wall. Although the further requested works, to pollard the remainder of the tree to a height of 2.5m, might seem severe, the tree is of little amenity value and is an unspectacular example of this common tree species. The works to be carried out should be of a sufficient level to satisfy the desire of the resident's insurance company to reduce the tree's water intake and minimise any risk to the building.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for

application APP/16/01041

(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: Pollard to leave standing height of 2.5m and remove 2 stems, (closest to garden wall), back to its base 1No Multi-stemmed Willow subject to TPO 0567 within group G37..
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 6/12/17.
Reason: To control the timing of the works