

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

FAO Landscape Team, Technical Services - 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: 3

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.

Pittosporum (T1): This specimen is located at the rear of the property's back garden and has no amenity value. It's removal is of no concern as the species is a bush and not subject to tree preservation orders.

Yew (T2): The Yew is behind the property but can be seen from the street scene so offers some amenity value but is largely shielded by the Bay tree in the application. It is a mature tree that appears to be normal in vigour and vitality. A reduction of 2m overall and a crown raise to 4m within the application is reasonable for general maintenance works.

Bay (T3): Located in the rear garden in front of the Yew tree, it has a good level of amenity value. The crown reduction of 2m and crown raise to 4m would be acceptable without causing detriment to the public amenity and trees health.

Acer (T4): The Acer is a mature specimen and appears normal in vigour and vitality. It is situated immediately behind the property's garage and as such can be seen easily from the street scene. The proposed works to prune branches hanging over the property's garage would not negatively impact the public amenity value or damage the tree's health.

8 Conclusion

Raise No Objections

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/16/00953

(A)

(B) for the following reasons/subject to the following conditions