

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Listed Building Grade: Not applicable.

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: 13

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.

The subject of this application is a mature Turkey Oak tree. The base of the tree was unable to be assessed due to a surrounding timber seating structure, however the rest of the tree is displaying what appears normal in vigour and vitality. The property sits in the corner of a cul-de-sac with the rear garden backing onto to other residences and as such the tree has heavily restricted views from the street street. The application includes works for a crown reduction of 2m and the removal of epicormic growth on the stem. These works are within a reasonable level of general maintenance for a tree of this size in a relatively small residential garden and would achieve the desired reduction of shading to the property without damage to the tree's health or amenity value. The original application included the removal of the lowest 3 branches, however this would have had a detrimental affect on the overall shape of the crown and unbalanced it's aesthetic quality. Through contact with the applicants, a compromised solution was negotiated that these works be removed from the application for these stated reasons.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01099

(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: Crown reduce 1No. Turkey Oak (T1) by 2m, remove epicormic growth up to 4m. Subject to TPO 1418.
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 19/12/2017.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.