

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 2

Summary: This is to advise you of my formal objection to the above request. I hope you will consider the protection of the established trees. These have been around in excess of 48 years. To place outbuildings/Sheds in the area of the trees would have always been at risk of possible damage. To remove 8m from the tree is extreme to say the least, and as only considering the south side would massively look out of proportion on the overall aspect of the tree. As per previous TPO order 1776 July 2002, the trees are visible from outside the site and in the opinion of the Head of Development Control are important features in the locality.

If any permission is given I would strongly recommend that the Tree officer considers the environment and nature in the area. Any cutbacks are kept to a complete minimal amount. These are not fast growing trees so any cutbacks will take many years to regrow.

Comment: Noted. Trees require management in the urban environment so as ensure harmony between people and the trees. The works applied for in this application were considered excessive and have been reduced to a lesser amount.

Summary: I wish to log an objection to the above plan. There seems to be an organised assault on these trees. This particular tree is the one that the woodpecker lives in and any attempt to take of almost a complete side of this tree is verging on vandalism. The beauty of these trees is their size. So to butcher one would completely ruin the effect they have. I have spoken to my neighbour at No:15 who also has an outbuilding under the same tree and he has not had any damage done by it. I hope this application is either refused in line with the other applications recently passed.

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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 mature Oak is situated in the garden adjoining the rear boundary of the applicant's back garden. The tree is healthy and appears normal in vigour and vitality. From the street scene, the tree is visible between neighbouring properties and above this row of bungalow dwellings. The original application included a crown reduction and raise of 8m on the southern aspect since the tree significantly overhangs their garden. This would be excessively detrimental to the tree's health and its public amenity value. Additionally this would have sufficiently unbalanced the tree making it a potential safety risk. During a site visit, these reasons were explained to the applicant and a compromise was negotiated that an acceptable general maintenance lateral reduction of 3m on the southern aspect and deadwooding the tree would reduce shading of the garden and minimise any potential damage their property from falling debris.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/00990

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. Oak lateral canopy by 3m on the southern aspect and deadwood. Subject to G1 of TPO 1008.
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 7/12/17.
Reason: To control the timing of the works