

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: 6

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 application is in respect to a mature Silver Birch that appears to be normal in vigour and vitality. It is situated in the rear garden of the property and has little amenity value as it can not be easily viewed from the street scene. The works stated in the application of are of a reasonable level due to the proximity of the lower lateral branch to the property. The general maintenance of a 2m crown reduction and a reduction in the lateral spread of 2m is also an acceptable level that will not be detrimental to tree's health or any loss of amenity value.

8 **Conclusion**

Recommend Permission

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/00991

(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: 1No. Silver Birch (T20) - reduce lowest lateral branch overhanging conservatory by 3m back to suitable growth point, remaining canopy crown reduce height by 2m and lateral spreads by 2m, remove epicormic growth. Subject to TPO 0147.
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 18/11/2017.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.