

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 5

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 application is in relation to a mature Oak tree that sits within the frontage of a property in Brunswick Gardens with prominent views from the street scene. As such it possesses a significant public amenity value. The lateral branches have extended beyond the dwelling's boundaries, encroaching onto the public footway, over the neighbouring boundary and around an adjacent street light. The tree has a significant amount of deadwood within the canopy but otherwise is displaying what appears to be normal in vigour and vitality. The application requests works to reduce the crown by 1m which would be an appropriate level of cyclical management since the tree requires maintenance to rebalance the overall shape of the canopy and bring back within the property's garden boundaries. Additionally, the application includes works for a crown lift by 2m which would lift, which will manage the tree in relation to it's location. These works would not detriment the health of the tree or it amenity quality to the public street scene.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01120

(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 lift 1No. Oak by 2m and crown reduce by 1m, subject to TPO 1351.
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 21/12/17.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.