

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

Number of neighbour notification letters sent: 4

Number of site notices: 1

Statutory advertisement: Not applicable.

Number of representations received: 1

Summary: As someone who's garden backs onto and is significantly affected by the canopy of this a couple of other trees. I would be very pleased if this tree and the other two were reduced in such a way as to allow sunlight in my garden during the day. Our garden is small and greatly overshadowed by these huge trees. They block all sunlight from about 9 AM till approx 4 PM. After which we get some sunlight for a brief while (assuming it's shining then) until affected by other trees.

As the trees are in close proximity to each other they must compete for water etc. This I presume is the reason they shed bits of their branches and leaves all summer long. The amount of bird poo and debris because of the canopy overhang, means it's difficult to even hang my washing out without fear of having to do it again. I would be more than happy for the tree/trees to all be reduced or removed and replaced with smaller more appropriately sized trees.

Comment: Noted however the application only refers to the Beech and not other trees.

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:

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 tree subject of this application is a very large and mature Copper Beech in the rear garden of a residential dwelling. It is growing adjacent to the shed and there are patio tiles on the floor around the base of the tree. The tree is partly visible from the street scene offering a good degree of public amenity value to the streetscene.

Due to the size of the crown the tree is beginning to over dominate the garden and amenity space at this dwelling, and impacting on the neighbours rear garden areas. The reduction proposed will manage the tree to a more suitable size for the space without being detrimental to its health. Although a heavy reduction for this tree (and species) its location is not ideal and it could be argued that the size of the tree is inappropriate to its location - size of tree in relation to the size of garden and surrounding properties. The works will impact on the public amenity offered by this tree, however it is considered reasonable to reduce the size of the tree due to the impact it is having in terms of bulk/presence to the applicants garden.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/00530

(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. Copper Beech by up to 4m, subject to TPO 1005.
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 12/08/17.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.