

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: 10

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 mature Walnut tree subject to this application is situated in the front garden a property and resides prominently on a corner of Mengham Avenue. As such it holds a significant public amenity value and appears normal in vigour and vitality. The lateral spread of it's branches has grown beyond the boundary so that it now overhangs into the neighbouring property's land. The works that have been applied for, to reduce these overhanging branches to appropriate growth points with prunings wounds no larger than 75mm, are of a reasonable level to maintain the tree. This would reduce any debris falling onto the neighbouring property's cars and would not cause detriment to it's health or amenity value.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/00400

(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: Cut back over hanging branches to suitable growth points with pruning wounds to be no bigger than 75mm to 1No. Walnut tree subject to TPO 1770.
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 20/12/17.
Reason: To control the timing of the works