

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: 0

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 Oak subject to this application is situated behind a large industrial unit adjacent to a rear overflow parking area and cannot be seen from the street scene. It appears to be in poor condition suffering from dieback and lacks any public amenity. The requested works are reasonable for general maintenance that will make the tree safer by it's rebalancing and minimise damage to parked cars below from falling debris.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/01053

(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 to 3m from ground by removal of 75mm branch work only; remove all major deadwood; shorten over extended lateral branch work over parking area by a max of 2m; remove any dangerous branches; rebalance crown where necessary; sever Ivy at base, subject to TPO 1671.
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 7/12/2017.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.