

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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:

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 at subject of this application is a mature Oak tree growing in the front garden of a residential dwelling, adjacent the road. This tree would be considered a good specimen and a great contributor to the street scene and amenity of the area. It appeared to be showing signs of normal vigour and vitality through new leaves, good extension growth and budding throughout its crown.

Due to the tree being near to the dwelling, it is necessary for these reductions of 1-1.5M to take place to maintain a clearance between the building and tree. There is evidence of previous pruning where this work is part of a cyclical routine for general garden maintenance to keep the tree a manageable and sensible size. Some of the branches within the crown are rubbing against one another, therefore a formative crown thin to resolve this would be acceptable.

The work proposed in this application should not impact negatively on the health of the Oak, nor on the public amenity value of the area.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Head of Neighbourhood Support be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/16/00349

(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 to 1No. Oak by 1-1.5m and 10% crown thin subject to TPO 1124.

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 20th June 2017.

Reason: To control the timing of the works