

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 large, mature Horse Chestnut with a twinned stem. The union seemed officiant with some bark inclusion. It is a lapsed pollard with the previous pollard points visible through its crown. The tree was showing signs of normal vigor and vitality with evidence of new budding in its branches however featured symptoms of Bleeding Canker (*Pseudomonas syringae*) on the Eastern sector of its main stem. Further investigation is needed in regards to the safety of this tree. There were also signs of horse chestnut leaf minors present although most of the tree had shed.

The works proposed in this application would be considered as acceptable due to maintenance and should have no negative impact on the health of this tree, nor on its public amenity value.

It should also be noted that the site visit to this tree took place on a rainy day and therefore it was difficult to establish the extent of the bleeding canker.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Permission.

9 **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/01085 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: Reduce crown by 3m and spread by 4m 1No. Horse Chestnut (T1) subject to TPO 0953.
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 15/12/2016.

Reason: To control the timing of the works.