

Recommendation: **GRANT TPO CONSENT**

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: 2

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 trees subject to this application relates to a group of Goat Willow. These trees are now beginning to reach the end of their useful life expectancy (SULE) and as such should be managed so as to minimise their chances of splitting out and losing limbs.

Goat willow will regenerate well from hard pruning and as such the works proposed should manage the trees safety requirements and also allow for the potential for regrowth from the willows.

The trees offer minimal public amenity value and as such any works will not detriment the amenity value of the street scene.

8 Conclusion

Recommend permission.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **GRANT TPO CONSENT** for application APP/15/00908

(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: 1No. Multi Stem Goat Willow, remove northern stem to leave a standing height of 1m, pollard southern stem to leave a standing height of 2.5m to regrow; 1No. Goat Willow, pollard to leave a standing height of 2.5m and remove all side growth back to stem; 1No. Goat Willow, pollard to leave a standing height of 2.5m and remove all side growth back to stem; 1No. Silver Birch, pollard to leave a standing height of 2.5m; 1No. Goat Willow, pollard to leave a standing height of 2.5m and remove all side growth back to stem. All trees subject to W1 of TPO 0954.
Reason: To safeguard the health and well being of the trees and 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 13/10/2016.
Reason: To control the timing of the works.