

Recommendation: **RAISE NO OBJECTION**

Summary: The Fig tree is the property of Mrs Howard and is on her land. Permission

has not been given to cut the tree below wall level. Such action would most almost certainly kill the tree. Discussions were concerning trimming the top new growth not the main trunks. Decisions as to when and how much could be trimmed was to take place in the spring of 2015.

Comment: If the Council Raise No Objection to this application then permission must still be obtained from the tree owner to carry any works out. Without their agreement works can not legally take place.

Summary: Please be advised we are fully in support of this application. The trees are too large, too close to high walls and buildings and block light and harbour views.

Comment: Noted

7 Planning Considerations

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.

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. The trees subject of this S211 Notification are poor quality specimens that do not meet the criteria for making a TPO regardless of the works proposed.

Conifer - Poor quality specimen - not worthy of retention and may be removed for arboricultural management.

Elm - Self seeded small specimen that will not develop into a mature tree due to Scolytus relevance.

Fig - Attractive tree that does not meet the criteria for a TPO and as such the Council has no option other than to Raise No Objection to the works notified.

8 Conclusion

Recommend Raise No Objection.

9 RECOMMENDATION:

That the Executive Head of Planning and Built Environment be authorised to **RAISE NO OBJECTION** for application APP/14/01311.