

<b>Reference No: 3/21/1259/TTPO</b>
<b>Proposal:</b> T1 Oak: Reduce the canopy to the previous pruning points ca. 1.5-2m in all directions. Remove epicormic growth. Remove epicormic growth. Deadwood. T2 Oak: Pollard the tree by reducing the height by ca. 4-5m and the sides by 2-3m. Remove lowest lateral growing into T1
<b>Address: 23 Beaufoys Avenue, Ferndown, Dorset</b>
<b>Recommendation: Grant</b>
<b>Case Officer: Andrew Douglas</b>
<b>Ward Members:</b> Cllr C Lugg, Cllr M Parkes

<b>Publicity expiry date:</b>	N/A	<b>Officer site visit date:</b>	September 2021
<b>Decision due date:</b>	17.08.2021		
<b>Where Scheme of Delegation consultation required under constitution:</b>			
<b>SoD Constitutional trigger:</b>	N/A		
<b>Nominated officer agreement to delegated decision</b>		<b>Date agreed:</b>	N/A

## MAIN REPORT

**Reason for committee referral: the application is being considered by Committee as the applicant is a member of the Tree Team in Economic Growth and Infrastructure.**

### 1.0 DESCRIPTION OF SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

23 Beaufoys Avenue is a 1970s built detached family home accessed via an unadopted gravel road. The immediate and surrounding area is well treed, with the main tree species being Oak (*Quercus* spp) and Scots Pine (*Pinus* spp). The oaks subject of the report are located on the front boundary of the site and within 8m of the front elevation of the house. For details see the accompanying plan. They are covered by Tree Preservation Order HA/139 made in 1996.

### 2.0 PROPOSAL

The tree works applied for are as follows:

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T2 Oak: Pollard the tree by reducing the height by ca. 4-5m and the sides by 2-3m. Remove lowest lateral growing into T1

### **3.0 SUMMARY OF INFORMATION**

The applied works have been assessed by both tree officers covering the Dorset Council's Eastern Area with regard to the submitted information as set out in section 2.0 above.

### **4.0 LOCAL REPRESENTATIONS**

None received.

### **5.0 APPRAISAL**

T1 – Oak – 17m

The tree has been previously reduced and there is now approximately 1.5 – 2m regrowth. The applied re-reduction is reasonable along with deadwood removal and the removal of a small amount of epicormic regrowth, mainly on the trees main stem.

T2 – Oak – 18m

The tree is located on the front boundary of the property and has some morphology which raises some concerns – specifically the tight union at 1.5m which could have included bark and the lifebelts on both stems. The applied reduction will reduce weight and sail area and is considered to be a reasonable option given the signs of stress and adaptive growth, proximity of the road and a lapsed permission to fell.

A height reduction of 4-5m (final height of 13-14m) and a side reduction of up to 2 metres would leave enough secondary branching to allow for the shaping of a more compact canopy without creating lots of very large wounds. To ensure this, the wounds should not exceed 75mm and that all cuts should be back to strong growth points.

The removal of the lowest lateral growing into the canopy of T1 is also acceptable.

### **6.0 Conclusion**

The submitted tree works are acceptable and will result in no harm to character and setting of the area

### **7.0 Recommendation**

That the Committee would be minded to grant the application subject to the following conditions and recommends that the Head of Planning determines the application accordingly.

1. All work to be carried out in its entirety within two years of the date of this decision.

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2. All work to be carried out in accordance with BS3998: 2010 British Standard Recommendations for Tree Work.