

Officer Report

6 May 2025

The tree is a mature healthy specimen situated in the front garden of the host property. The tree has dense healthy canopy showing no significant obvious defects. The tree has high amenity value and makes a positive contribution to the local environment.

The reasons put forward for the removal of the tree are noted and it is accepted that there is a nuisance and inconvenience associated with these issues. Nevertheless the amenity value of the tree is high and the reasons put forward for felling do not justify the complete removal of the tree.

It is noted that several letters of support have been submitted in relation to this application detailing problems with the size of the tree the low hanging branches and the disruption to the surface of the footway. The significance of these problems is noted, however the amenity value of the tree is considered to outway the problems that could be remedied by judicial pruning and by mine repairs to the surface of the footway.

Should an application be received to reduce the overall size of the crown of the tree by approximately 30% then this would be likely to be considered favourably by the council.

Decision - Refusal