

Officer Report

28 April 2025

The tree is situated just outside the residential curtilage of the property owner making the application and the land on which the tree is situated is believed to be outside the ownership of the applicants and the adjacent properties land .

The proposal to fell the tree is considered excessive as it is a mature healthy specimen with no obvious structural defects. The tree makes a significant positive contribution to the character and appearance of the locality and consequently the element of the application relating to the felling of the tree will be refused.

The tree has a dense healthy canopy and the proposal to reduce the overall crown of the tree by 50% to effectively re-pollard will decrease the size of the tree and alleviate some of the issues being encountered by the applicant whilst retaining a large part of the amenity value of the tree .

A split decision is to be issued, refusing permission to fell the tree and granting permission to reduce by 50% .

Decision - Refuse felling.

Reason - the tree is a mature healthy specimen with a long safe useful life expectancy. It has continued amenity value and the reasons put forward for the removal of the tree are not considered sufficiently serious to justify its complete removal.

Decision - Approval 50% Crown reduction