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IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate	Priority 1 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities
Priorities/ Objectives	Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives
Consultation:	Meeting on site with the owners of the neighbouring property to listen to their concerns and to discuss alternatives to removal of the tree, including pruning to help with concerns relating to the proximity of the tree crown to the property.
Legal:	Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. Power to make tree preservation orders: (1) If it appears to a local planning authority that it is expedient in the interests of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees or woodlands in their area, they may for that purpose make an order with respect to such trees, groups of trees or woodlands as may be specified in the order.
Financial:	• None
Human Resource:	• None
Risk Management:	• None
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	Trees provide environmental and aesthetic benefits which contribute to the health and wellbeing of tree owners, their neighbours or adjacent landowners and communities and these benefits need to be weighed against the private concerns of tree owners.