

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012

Applicant/Agent

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Application Number

S6/2013/2034/TP

Description: To reduce the crown back to previous pruning points by thinning the poles by up to 30%, crown lift to 3m and trim to clear building by 0.5m of oak covered by TPO 249 T9

Location: 30 Campion Road Hatfield

Consent is hereby **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:-

1. The works hereby approved shall be undertaken within three years of the date of this notice.

REASON: To ensure that works to trees are undertaken within an appropriate time scale, after which time reconsideration of their suitability should take place

2. The works shall not be started and completed other than in accordance with the approved plans and details: tree(s) location plan received and dated 20 September 2013 unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved drawings and any changes must be agreed in advance in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

3. The works hereby approved shall be undertaken in accordance with the British Standard 3998:2010 (Tree Work) and by an appropriately qualified person

REASON: To ensure that any works undertaken comply with arboricultural best practice.

4. The works hereby permitted shall only be carried out during winter (November to February, inclusive) or high summer (July to August, inclusive) and at no other time.

REASON: To minimise the impact on the tree.

INFORMATIVES

1. Following crown thinning, an even density of foliage should be retained throughout a well-spaced and balanced branch structure, which could, if required, provide an adequate framework for a possible future crown reduction.

Material should be removed systematically from throughout the tree rather than from the inner crown only. Cutting branches back to the main stem should be avoided, although structurally weak or hazardous branches should be removed if there is no alternative. Uneven thinning or over-thinning increases the probability of branch failure, either by creating gaps in the crown, or by removing shoots and secondary branches from the proximal parts of a branch and leaving twigs and foliage at the tip (this is known as lion-tailing). (BS 3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations section 7.5)

2. Following reduction, there should still be a strong framework of healthy small-diameter branches and twigs (leaf bearing structure), capable of producing a dense leaf cover during the following growing season. A crown should normally be reduced in proportion to its original shape, so as to avoid altering the balance of the tree as a whole. (BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations section 7.7.)

APPROVED PLAN NUMBER(S): Tree location plan received and dated 20 September 2013.

Date: 20/11/2013

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Tracy Harvey
Head of Planning