

**WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
WORKS TO TPO TREES DELEGATED REPORT**

APPLICATION No:	<u>S6/2007/1523/TP</u>
LOCATION:	5 Hook Lane, Cuffley
PROPOSAL:	<u>Lop up to 20ft from top of Oak trees T8 & T9 and thin out Oak tree T8, covered by TPO 119</u>

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES:

Hertfordshire Structure Plan Review 1991 – 2011:

None

Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005:

R17 – Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows

D2 – Character and Context

PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS:

REPRESENTATIONS:

DISCUSSION: I have visited 5 Hooks Lane regarding the above application to carry out works to the trees. Having spoken to the resident Mr Freshwater, I was able to clarify the works requested they are as follows:

Crown reduce both T7 and T9 by up to 20% balancing trees where required

T8 prune branch growing towards house

An e-mail correspondence between Mr Freshwater and myself has been attached to the TPO folder.

The work requested is good arboricultural practise and will reduce the spread of the trees in the small rear garden whilst having little effect on the amenity value of the trees. I therefore have no objections with application being approved.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS

1. T1
2. T2

REASON FOR APPROVAL: The proposal has been considered against development plan policies (i.e. Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 R17 and D2), in addition to the Human Rights Act 1998, which indicate that the proposal should be approved. Material planning considerations do not justify a decision contrary to the Development Plan (see Officer's report which can be inspected at these offices).

DRAWING NUMBERS:

Tree Preservation Order & Site Plan received and dated 15 October 2007

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