

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

APPLICATION No:	<u>S6/2007/1722/TP</u>
LOCATION:	9 Gorseway Hatfield
PROPOSAL:	<u>Pruning of Beech tree, covered by TPO 249 T2</u>

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:

Reduce size of tree by 2 thirds or remove

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:

None

REPRESENTATIONS:

One. No objection.

DISCUSSION: A site visit has been undertaken at the above site to assess the impact of the proposed work on the tree. The tree is a semi-mature Beech approximately 10m tall. The tree is showing signs of normal vigour and health. The tree has a spreading crown. The applicant wishes to reduce the tree by two thirds. This is a very harsh reduction particularly for a Beech tree. This will have a detrimental affect on the amenity value and the is likely to affect the health of the tree. In light of the above the proposed works are not appropriate.

RECOMMENDATION: REFUSAL REASON (S)

1. The proposed works are inappropriate as they will have a detrimental affect on the amenity value of the tree and are likely to have a detrimental affect on the health of the tree. This would be detrimental to policies D2 and R17 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005.

DRAWING NUMBERS: Site Location Plan & Plot Transfer Plan received and dated 14th November 2007

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