

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

<b>APPLICATION No:</b>	<b><u>S6/2009/505/TP</u></b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Queenswood School, Shepherds Way, Brookmans Park</b>
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	<b><u>Removal of two main limbs down to main union from oak tree (T3) covered by TPO 3</u></b>

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** Removal of two main limbs down to main union from oak tree (T3) covered by TPO 3 to reduce the risk of failure over road and leave main stem for standing habitat.

**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:**

As principle always object to remove or crown trees covered by TPO, also policy of Parish Council to accept recommendations of arborologist.

**REPRESENTATIONS:**

The application was not advertised.

**DISCUSSION:**

The application form applies to carry out works to seven trees and one group of trees. Only one tree is actually within a protected area, T3.

T3 is a mature oak which died some years ago and has been left for ecology reasons. It stands within a woodland but adjacent to a busy driveway. As the tree decays it poses an increasing risk to any persons or property which pass below the tree. The proposed works strike a balance between safety and retaining a diverse habitat.

As T3 is completely dead it is not currently protected by TPO legislation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Oak Tree (T3) is completely dead and is not protected by Tree Preservation Order legislation. Permission is therefore not required for the works.

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