

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

<b>APPLICATION No:</b>	<b><u>S6/2015/0514/TP</u></b>
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**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

Reduce low laterals by 1.5m.

**HISTORY**

S6/2011/1038/TP – Crown thin by 30% and remove arisings from Oak and dead wood Scotts Pine covered by TPO 283 (Approve with conditions)

**TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

A comment was received from the Parish Council, who had no particular point of view.

**REPRESENTATIONS:**

None received

**DISCUSSION:**

The oak tree stands with in the rear boundary hedge of the rear garden. No ground inspection was undertaken as the tree is within an area surrounded with electric fencing. The crown appears to show reasonable health and vitality. The visible woody parts did not have any visible faults or issues.

The tree appears to have some light pruning in the past and trimming back 1.5m would be approximately to this point on some of the visible branches.

reference number and appropriate symbol (individuals black circle, groups broken line, woodlands continuous line and area dotted black line). / Cartology reflects the plan.

Conditions –

This approval gives two periods within the year when this work can be carried out. Trees use most of their stored or potential energy to leaf out. This energy is then recouped quickly over the following weeks. Crown reducing a tree immediately before leaf out (when the sap is rising), during leaf out or immediately after leaf out, leaves the tree with little reserves of energy to react to the pruning, both in terms of making more leaves and compartmentalising the wounds. A similar situation occurs in the time before, during and immediately after leaf fall. (*Shigo, Modern Arboriculture 1991*)

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS**

**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 shall take place.

2. The works shall not be started and completed other than in accordance with the approved plans and details: tree location plan received and dated 10 March 2015 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.

5. The reduction of the lower laterals by 1.5m on the oak tree shall be to suitable fork/branch unions and leave a pruning wound no greater than 50mm in diameter.

REASON: To ensure the preservation of the amenity value and health of the tree.

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**Date:** ... 14 May 2015 ...