

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

<b>APPLICATION No:</b>	<b><u>S6/2007/1659/TP</u></b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Hour Cottage 1 Hook Lane, Cuffley Potters Bar</b>
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	<b><u>Pruning of dead branches to Oak trees T1 and T2</u></b> <b><u>covered by TPO 119</u></b>

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:**

Pruning of dead branches to Oak trees T1 and T2 covered by TPO 119

**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:**

None – expiry 4<sup>th</sup> December

**DISCUSSION:**

A site visits was made to the above site to assess the trees regarding the above application. The applicant was on site at the time of inspection. The application is requesting the pruning of old and dead branches. Clarification was given on site to the term old branches, the applicant stated that this related to the dead branches that had been in the tree for some time. The removal of dead or diseased wood from a tree is exemption from the Tree Preservation Order. Therefore there would be no objections to the proposed work being carried out.

**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:** Site Location Plan (1:1250) & Ordnance Survey Plan received and dated 6 November 2007

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