

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
DIRECTORATE OF STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT**

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2015/2423/TPO
Location: 3 Hook Lane, Northaw, Potters Bar, EN6 4DA
Proposal: Reduce lateral length of adventitious/epicormic growth up to 6m in height and with diameter of up to 2.5cm of Oak tree covered by TPO 119.
Officer: Miss M Hill
Recommendation: Granted

Context	
Relevant history	S6/2011/2259/TP - Crown reduce the lateral length by 20% on the Two Oak trees T5 & T6 and crown lift T5 to 7m covered by TPO119 (Granted) S6/2003/0468/TP - 20% crown reduction and removal of epicormics from trunk of oak tree (T6), covered by TPO 119 (Granted)
Main Issues	
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	The tree stands within the rear garden of the property. It is a mature oak with a very high crown lift. The tree compensates for this with the abundant epicormic growth on the stem. The removal of this growth is relatively minor and would not be detrimental to the trees amenity and is reasonable arboricultural management.
Conclusion	
The proposal to reduce the adventitious or epicormic growth from the oak tree up to 6m in height to a pruning wound of up to 2.5cm is reasonable arboricultural management and will not detrimentally harm the tree's amenity.	

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 should take place in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended).

2. 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.

3. The lateral reduction of the oak shall create a pruning wound no larger than 2.5cm in diameter.

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

4. The development/works shall not be started and completed other than in accordance with the approved plans and details:

Tree location photograph received and dated 7 December 2016.

REASON: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans and details.

Informatives:

Approved By:

Mr A Mangham
10 March 2016