

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2016/0043/TPO  
**Location:** Queenswood School, Shepherds Way, Brookmans Park, Hatfield,  
AL9 6NS  
**Proposal:** Various works (schedule attached) to include felling, crown  
reduction, monolithing and cable bracing on oak, sweet chestnut,  
horse chestnut, cherry, birch, lime, tulip tree, rowan, maple, beech,  
apple, willow pine, larch and poplar covered by TPO 205 (2016)  
W1  
**Officer:** Miss M Hill  
**Recommendation:** Granted

**Conditions:**

1. 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.
2. No works to the tree(s) hereby approved shall commence until details of one suitable replacement tree for T6 Larch have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The tree shall have a minimum girth of 8-10cm circumference and shall be planted within 10 metres of T3s location in the next available planting season (November-February) in accordance with the British Standard 8545:2014 (Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations) following the works hereby approved. Subsequently, the approved replacement shall not be planted, other than in accordance with the approved details.  
  
REASON: A replacement tree is required given the current amenity value of the tree(s) in accordance with the requirements of TPO3 W30.
3. Crown reductions, hereby permitted, which remove more than 20% of the crown 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 maintain the character and appearance of the area in accordance with Policies GBSP2, D1, D2, D8 and R17 of the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005.
4. The development/works shall not be started and completed other than in

accordance with the approved plans and details:

Tree location plan received and dated 11 January 2016.

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

**Informatives:**

1. Deadwood is an important feature within woods as so much wildlife lives and thrives on it and in it. Caution should be taken with trees which have horizontal or vertical cracks greater than pencil thickness or with large plates of peeling bark, as these are ideal roosts for bats. Bats are a European Protected Species. Actions which would comprise an offence under Regulation 41 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 require consent from Natural England prior to any works being undertaken.

2. Following reduction, there should still be a strong framework of healthy small-diameter branches and twigs (leaf bearing structure), capable of producing a dense leaf cover during the following growing season. A crown should normally be reduced in proportion to its original shape, so as to avoid altering the balance of the tree as a whole. (BS3998:2010 Tree work Recommendations section 7.7.)

**Determined By:**

Mr A Mangham  
12 April 2016