

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2016/1462/TPO
Location: 30 Campion Road, Hatfield, AL10 9FT
Proposal: Reduce Oak tree by up to 10% covered by TPO 249
Officer: Miss M Hill

Recommendation: Granted

Context	
Relevant history	<p>S6/2013/2034/TP - To reduce the crown back to previous pruning points by thinning the poles by up to 30%, crown lift to 3m and trim to clear building by 0.5m of oak covered by TPO 249 T9 (Approve with conditions)</p> <p>S6/2010/2112/TP - Reduce Oak by 50% TPO 249 T9 (Approve with conditions)</p>
Main Issues	
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	<p>The oak tree stands within the front garden of the property. Currently the tree appears to be in good health with normal vitality. No significant structural conditions were noted. The tree has previously been crown reduced and the regrowth, although not long nor heavy, is physically encroaching onto the adjacent building.</p> <p>The application is to crown reduce the tree by 10%. The description of this proposal is to trim off the building and trim back the overhang for an adjacent garden. This is reasonable arboricultural management.</p>
Conclusion	
<p>The proposal to crown reduce the oak tree by 10% is reasonable arboricultural management and will not detrimentally harm the tree's amenity.</p>	

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 crown reduction by 10% shall be to suitable fork/branch unions and create a pruning wound no larger than 20mm in diameter.

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

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

Tree location photographs received and dated 20 July 2016.

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

Informatives:

1. 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
2 September 2016