

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PLANNING, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND GOVERNANCE**

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2017/2547/TPO  
**Location:** 1 Hook Lane Northaw Potters Bar EN6 4DA  
**Proposal:** Crown lift 1 x Oak tree (TP3) by up to 5m and crown reduce by 25 % and reduce 1 x Oak tree (TP2) by 30 % - Covered by TPO 119 (1987)  
**Officer:** Mr Oliver Waring

**Recommendation:** Granted

6/2017/2547/TPO

<b>Context</b>	
<b>Relevant history</b>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: S6/2001/1191/TP      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 15 October 2001            Proposal: WORK TO OAK TREE, COVERED BY TPO 119, T4</p> <p>Application Number: S6/2007/1659/TP      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 12 December 2007            Proposal: PRUNNING OF DEAD BRANCHES TO OAK TREES T1 AND T2 COVERED BY TPO 119</p> <p>Application Number: S6/2013/2201/TP      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 20 November 2013            Proposal: To T3 oak crown lift to 5m, to T3 oak crown reduce by linear length 20%, to T2 crown reduce by 25% linear length by TPO 119</p>
<b>Main Issues</b>	
<b>Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)</b>	<p>The trees in question are located within the rear garden of 1 Hook Lane, Northaw. The trees are covered by TPO 119.</p> <p>The oak marked TP3 on the plan is a mature tree in excess of 12m tall. The tree has been reduced in the past to contain its size and spread. The applicant is proposing to crown lift the tree by up to 5m and crown reduce the tree by 25%. Given the past management of this tree the proposed work is considered appropriate.</p> <p>The oak marked TP2 on the plan is another mature tree in excess of 10m tall. This tree has been pruned in the past to contain its size and spread. The applicant is proposing to crown reduce this tree by 30%. Given the past</p>

	<p>management of this tree the proposed work is considered appropriate.</p> <p>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. (<i>Shigo, Modern Arboriculture 1991</i>).</p>
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**Conclusion**

The proposed tree works are proportionate to the health or structural issues each tree displays and are reasonable arboricultural management will not harm the amenity of the individual trees. The application should be approved.

**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. The works hereby permitted must 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.

**DRAWING NUMBERS**

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

<b>Plan Number</b>	<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Received Date</b>
Tree Sketch		Tree Sketch	2 November 2017

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

**Determined By:**

Mr Chris Carter  
20 December 2017