

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2019/0106/TPO  
**Location:** Queenswood School Shepherds Way Brookmans Park Hatfield AL9 6NS  
**Proposal:** Fell T1 1 x Sweet Chestnut tree covered by TPO 503 (2016)  
**Officer:** Ms Emma Griffin

**Recommendation:** Granted

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<b>Context</b>	
<b>Relevant history</b>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: S6/1990/0277/TP      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 14 May 1990            Proposal: Removal of miscellaneous trees in area behind existing music and science building and adjacent to new educational block</p> <p>Application Number: S6/1990/0867/TP      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 26 November 1990            Proposal: Fell one Scots Pine</p> <p>Application Number: S6/1991/0014/TP      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 04 March 1991            Proposal: Fell and grub 2 larch, 1 Scots Pine, and approx 20 small Birch; reduce crown of 1 Oak by 20%</p> <p>Application Number: S6/2000/1580/TP      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 29 January 2001            Proposal: WORK TO THIRTEEN OAK TREES AND TWO SWEET CHESTNUT TREES COVERED BY TPO 3</p> <p>Application Number: S6/2002/0910/TP      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 22 July 2002            Proposal: WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY TPO 3, W3</p> <p>Application Number: S6/2003/0377/TP      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 06 May 2003</p>

	<p>Proposal: WORK TO TREES COVERED BY TPO 3</p> <p>Application Number: S6/2009/0505/TP      Decision: Withdrawn      Decision Date: 07 May 2009</p> <p>Proposal: REMOVAL OF TWO MAIN LIMBS DOWN TO MAIN UNION FROM OAK TREE (T3) COVERED BY TPO 3</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2016/0043/TPO      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 18 April 2016</p> <p>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</p>
<b>Main Issues</b>	
<b>Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)</b>	Twin-stemmed late semi-mature specimen is situated within the school grounds, within falling distance of buildings, roads and car parks. Tree is approximately 16m+ in height with a 10m+ crown spread. Tree is multi-stemmed from base but has a tight included union from base to 2m with wounding and basal decay to the north of the trunk. Fungal fruiting bodies are evident within this wounding. The loss of the tree will not negatively impact on the amenity of the TPO area but its loss should be mitigated with replacement planting of a native species.
<b>Conclusion</b>	
The proposed tree works are proportionate to the health or structural issues the tree displays and are reasonable arboricultural management that will not harm the amenity of the individual trees or the woodland as a whole. The application should be approved.	

**Conditions:**

1. No works to the tree(s) hereby approved shall commence until details of a suitable replacement tree have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. 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 TPO 503 (2016).

**DRAWING NUMBERS**

2. 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	21 February 2019

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

**Determined By:**

Mr Chris Carter  
4 April 2019