

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2019/0346/TPO
Location: Hertfordshire Constabulary Central Area Headquarters And Hatfield Police Station Comet Way Hatfield AL10 9SJ
Proposal: Reduce limb of 1 x Tree of Heaven tree (T1) and reduce remaining crown by 30% - covered by TPO 701 (2017)
Officer: Mr Oliver Waring
Recommendation: Granted

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Context	
Relevant history	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: S6/2013/2435/TP Decision: Refused Decision Date: 09 January 2014</p> <p>Proposal: Remove deadwood from Walnut T1 and reduce crown height and spread of Copper Beech T2 by 15% covered by TPO362</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2017/0512/TPO Decision: Granted Decision Date: 13 June 2017</p> <p>Proposal: T1 beech, crown lift by up to 3m over car parking and blend with existing crown covered by TPO 362 (2006)</p> <p>Tree Preservation Orders</p> <p>Application Number: 701 (2017) Decision: Decision Date:</p> <p>Proposal: for the continued amenity of the area following a review of the landscape.</p>
Main Issues	
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	<p>The tree in question is a mature Tree of heaven growing within the grounds of the Police headquarters in Hatfield.</p> <p>The tree is in excess of 10m tall and growing within a large grassed area adjacent to the carpark area. At the time of my visit the tree was showing signs of decline. Dead was noted throughout the crown and peeling bark was noted on the main stem. Also noted were old fungal fruiting bodies which would indicate decay fungi colonisation.</p>

	The applicant is proposing to reduce the tree and by 30% and reduce a large limb significantly. Given the poor condition of the tree the proposed work is considered appropriate. The work will reduce the weight in the crown reducing the likelihood of failure.
Conclusion	
The proposed tree works are proportionate to the health or structural issue of the tree displays and are reasonable arboricultural management will not harm the amenity of the individual trees or the woodland as a whole.	

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.

DRAWING NUMBERS

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

Plan Number	Revision Number	Details	Received Date
Tree Sketch		Tree Sketch	25 February 2019

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

Determined By:

Mr Chris Carter
22 March 2019