

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2019/1833/TPO
Location: 2 Carbone House Carbone Hill Northaw Potters Bar EN6 4PL
Proposal: Reduce 2 x Oak trees by 20%-30% (T8 and T6)
Officer: Mr Oliver Waring

Recommendation: Granted

6/2019/1833/TPO

Context	
Relevant history	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: S6/2009/2489/TP Decision: Granted Decision Date: 14 December 2009</p> <p>Proposal: REMOVAL OF DEAD TREES MARKED 11, 12 & 13 COVERED BY TPO 72 W1</p> <p>Tree Preservation Orders</p> <p>Application Number: 1001 (2019) 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 trees in question are two mature oak trees growing within the curtilage of 2 Carbone House, Northaw. The trees are covered by TPO 1001 (2019) ref T6 and T8. The description within the applicant's letter states the trees as T6 and T10, however the plan clarifies the trees as T6 and T8.</p> <p>The trees are in excess of 13m tall and in good health and condition. Some minor dead was noted within the trees but noting of great significance.</p> <p>The applicant is proposing to crown reduce T6 by up to 20% with a view to removing dead wood and die back. The proposed work is considered appropriate and good arboricultural practice.</p> <p>The applicant is proposing to crown reduce T8 by up to 30%. This tree has a slightly unbalanced crown and the proposed work is to balance the crown. The proposed work is considered appropriate and good arboricultural practice.</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>
<p>Conclusion</p>	
<p>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.</p>	

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.

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3. 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	9 August 2019

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

Determined By:

Mr Chris Carter
4 September 2019