

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2019/2720/TPO
Location: 12 Coulter Close Cuffley Potters Bar EN6 4RR
Proposal: Pollard 1 x Ash tree (T1) by 15ft in height and 9ft on lateral branches
Officer: Mr Oliver Waring

Recommendation: No Objection

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Context	
Relevant history	Planning None
Main Issues	
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	<p>The tree in question is a mature ash tree growing within the rear garden of 12 Coulter Close, Cuffley, Potters Bar. The tree is covered by TPO 3 W35.</p> <p>The tree is in excess of 13m tall and in fair health and condition. The tree has been pruned in the past to contain its size and spread and managed as a high pollard (pruned back to previous pruning points in a regular basis).</p> <p>The proposed work is in keeping with the past management of this tree and is considered good arboricultural management.</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>
Conclusion	
The proposed tree works are proportionate to the health and structure of the tree. The works will not harm the amenity of the tree or character of the area. It is recommend that the application 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.

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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	5 November 2019

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

Determined By:

Mr Casey Hughes