

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2020/1864/TPO  
**Location:** Hilltop Cucumber Lane Essendon Hatfield AL9 6JA  
**Proposal:** Removal of T1 Oak tree and 5ft full crown reduction of T2 Oak tree  
 - prune back to natural growth points.

covered by TPO 3

**Officer:** Ms Emma Griffin

**Recommendation:** Granted

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<b>Context</b>	
<b>Site description</b>	Hilltop Cucumber Lane Essendon Hatfield AL9 6JA
<b>Relevant history</b>	Planning None
<b>Main Issues</b>	
<b>Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)</b>	<p>T1 Oak is situated to the front of the property and has significant historic structural damage. The oak is approximately 12m+ in height with a 9m crown spread. Possible storm failure or lightning strike has seen the loss of the leader and the formation of a long area of wounding and internal decay. From the photos provided, internal decay is evident along with a large area of hollowing. Although the remainder of the crown appears in good condition the tree has a high target area and its removal is sought to remove the risk of failure. Replacement planting has been conditioned and the new tree will need to be positioned to the front of the property to maintain an amenity value to the area.</p> <p>T2 Oak is situated to the rear of the property and works are sought to reduce the crown to reduce the weight on the branch tips and allow more light through. The tree is only visible to adjacent land owners and is approximately 12m+ in height with a 9m crown spread. The reduction will not negatively affect the character or amenity of the area.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this application has been determined by photographs submitted by the applicant.</p>
<b>Conclusion</b>	
The proposed tree works are proportionate to the health or 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. 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 3.

3. 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

4. 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>
		Site Map	28 July 2020

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

#### **Determined By:**

Mr Oliver Waring  
21 September 2020