

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2021/1189/TPO
Location: Tennis Courts 39m From Brookmans Park Golf Club, In Brookmans Park, 33m From Unnamed Road Golf Club Road Brookmans Park Hatfield AL9 7AX
Proposal: Two oaks - reduction of 30% to height and canopy
Officer: Ms Emma Griffin

Recommendation: Granted

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Context	
Site description	Tennis Courts 39m From Brookmans Park Golf Club, In Brookmans Park, 33m From Unnamed Road Golf Club Road Brookmans Park Hatfield AL9 7AX
Relevant history	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: S6/2003/1169/TP Decision: Granted Decision Date: 11 November 2003</p> <p>Proposal: REDUCE BY ONE THIRD GROUP OF YEW TREES AND .REMOVE EPICORMICS FROM TRUNK OF OAK TREE TREE COVERED BY TPO 14 AREA 1.</p>
Main Issues	
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	<p>Two Oak trees are situated within the grounds of Brookmans Park Golf Club adjacent to the tennis courts. Both trees are in excess of 15m and appear in good health.</p> <p>Works are sought to reduce the two trees to reduce the overhang over the tennis courts which is seeing seasonal debris affecting the condition of court surface and posing a safety hazard.</p> <p>The crown reduction is not considered to be detrimental to the two oaks and a condition has been attached to prevent the reductions being undertaken at an unsuitable time of year.</p>
Conclusion	
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 recommended 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.

DRAWING NUMBERS

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	13 April 2021

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

Determined By:

Mr Oliver Waring
9 June 2021