

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2021/1794/TPO  
**Location:** 6B Hill Rise Cuffley Potters Bar EN6 4EE  
**Proposal:** Reduce 1 x Oak tree (T1) by 2m and removal of deadwood covered by TPO  
**Officer:** Mr Gregory Coppenhall

**Recommendation:** Granted

6/2021/1794/TPO

<b>Context</b>	
<b>Site description</b>	6B Hill Rise, Cuffley, Potters Bar, EN6 4EE
<b>Relevant history</b>	Planning
<b>Main Issues</b>	
<b>Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)</b>	<p>The applicant seeks to reduce lateral limbs of an oak tree by 2m and remove deadwood. The tree is approximately 14m in height and 12m in canopy spread. Given the large size and apparent good vitality of the tree, this pruning should not be detrimental to the long term health of the tree and therefore will not negatively impact the character or the amenities of the area.</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>The works should be carried out in accordance to BS:3998:2010 standards and must comply to all given conditions within this approval.</p>
<b>Conclusion</b>	
The work request is appropriate and will not be detrimental to the character and amenities of the area.	

**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:

<b>Plan Number</b>	<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Received Date</b>
Tree Sketch		Tree Sketch	9 June 2021

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

#### **Determined By:**

Ms Emma Griffin  
20 August 2021