

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PLANNING)**

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2022/2917/TPO
Location: 86 Bell Lane Brookmans Park AL9 7AY
Proposal: Pine tree in front garden rotten and beginning to fall. Plan to cut down to the root and remove.

TPO 141 T14

Officer: Ms M Hill

Recommendation: Granted

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Context	
Site and Application description	86 Bell Lane Brookmans Park AL9 7AY Pine tree in front garden rotten and beginning to fall. Plan to cut down to the root and remove. TPO 141 T14
Main Issues	
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	The applicant has submitted this application due to the tree being dangerous. A site visit confirmed that this is the case and therefore it is appropriate for this tree to be removed. The tree has failed from the base and is hung up in an adjacent tree. The pine is mature, on the northern edge of the group, by the road. There is a decaying, squishy fungal fruiting body on the ground near the base of the tree which might be <i>Sparassis crispa</i> .
Conclusion	
The felling of this tree is reasonable and essential as the tree has already partially failed. It is appropriate to condition a replacement tree of similar species and stature.	

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. One *Pinus nigra*, *Pinus sylvestris* or *Pinus pinea* with minimum height of 1.5m shall be planted in a similar location in the next available planting season (October - February) following felling, in accordance with the British Standard 8545:2014

(Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations) following the works hereby approved.

REASON: A replacement tree is required given the current amenity value of the trees in accordance with the requirements of TPO 141.

3. The replacement tree shall be maintained so as to ensure establishment and independence in the landscape for a minimum period of five years from the date of planting and should any tree die or become damaged or diseased beyond reasonable remediation it shall be replaced in the following planting season with a tree, like for like in species and size unless the local planning authority agrees otherwise in writing.

REASON: To ensure continuity of tree cover and visual amenity in the neighbourhood.

DRAWING NUMBERS

4. 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
		Map	29 December 2022

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

Determined By:

Mr Oliver Waring
25 January 2023