

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2023/0252/TPO
Location: 86 Bell Lane Hatfield AL9 7AY
Proposal: T1 Large Mature Oak tree - Reduction to crown of tree by approximately 2.5 meters back to appropriate growth points.
Officer: Ms Emma Griffin

Recommendation: Granted

6/2023/0252/TPO

Context	
Site description	86 Bell Lane Hatfield AL9 7AY
Relevant history	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2016/1407/TPO Decision: Granted Decision Date: 05 September 2016</p> <p>Proposal: Removal of Scots Pine tree covered by TPO 141 (1989)</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2022/2917/TPO Decision: Granted Decision Date: 25 January 2023</p> <p>Proposal: Pine tree in front garden rotten and beginning to fall. Plan to cut down to the root and remove.</p> <p>TPO 141 T14</p>
Main Issues	
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	<p>Oak is located to the rear of the dwelling and offers some visibility to the public as the surrounding trees obscure it from clear visibility.</p> <p>The oak is in excess of 15m in height and a 12m crown spread. It is a dominant feature within the garden but the applicant has concerns regarding deadwood and overhang over the dwelling. A crown reduction is sought to alleviate weight and overhang. Deadwood can also be removed at this time but is not included within the application as it is exempt from requiring consent.</p> <p>The tree appears to be in good health and condition and the crown reduction back to suitable growth points would not negatively affect the health and amenity of the tree.</p> <p>A seasonal works condition has been included to prevent undue stress to the tree.</p>
Conclusion	
The works are considered appropriate for the health and condition of the tree and the works would not negatively affect the health or amenity of the tree. The application should 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	3 February 2023

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

Determined By:

Mr Oliver Waring
13 March 2023