

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2023/0732/TPO
Location: 8 Hook Lane Northaw Potters Bar EN6 4DA
Proposal: Reduce overall crown of oak tree by 2 metres on all sides and the height of the tree - to reduce the weight and sail of the tree. Tree covered by TPO 882 (2018)
Officer: Mr James Hare

Recommendation: Granted

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Context	
Site description	8 Hook Lane Northaw Potters Bar EN6 4DA
Relevant history	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: S6/2010/0443/TP Decision: Granted Decision Date: 28 April 2010</p> <p>Proposal: REMOVE 20% OF THE HEIGHT FROM OAK TREE COVERED BY TPO 119 T12</p>
Main Issues	
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	<p>Tree is approximately 9m tall with a radial spread of 8m, taking on a round form. The tree has visibility with difficulty between the houses and a high amenity value.</p> <p>The treeworks detailed in the application are to reduce the canopy by 2m on all sides so that the weight and sail of the tree are reduced. There is no supporting evidence to say why it is necessary to reduce the weight and sail but due to the fact that the tree has been reduced previously and that there is little visibility of the tree to the public, the amenity of the tree will be little affected. The tree also appears to be healthy and therefore it is unlikely that the health of the tree will be significantly affected through the proposed works.</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	3 April 2023
		Tree sketch	3 May 2023

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

Informatives:

1. It is advised that a thorough inspection of the hedge is undertaken before works commence to check for active birds' nests. Nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the intentional disturbance and destruction of nests is a criminal offence. Nesting season runs from mid-February to October.

Determined By:

Mr Oliver Waring
14 June 2023