

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2023/0879/TPO
Location: The Spinney High Road Essendon Hatfield AL9 6HP
Proposal: Ash tree to fell (advanced ash dieback).
 TPO 717 (2017) W1
Officer: Ms M Hill

Recommendation: Granted

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Context	
Site and Application description	The Spinney, High Road Essendon Hatfield AL9 6HP Ash tree to fell (advanced ash dieback). TPO 717 (2017) W1
Relevant history	<p>Application Number: S6/2014/1924/TP Decision: Granted Decision Date: 23 October 2014</p> <p>Proposal: Branch cutting of trees covered by TPO3 W4 to create 1m clearance around BT line and relevant equipment</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2022/1062/TPO Decision: Granted Decision Date: 13 May 2022</p> <p>Proposal: Group of 12 self seeded Sycamore trees - remove to ground level to avoid danger to property and traffic</p> <p>These trees have varying degrees of a fungal infection, kretschmaria deusta (ustulina deusta) which has severely weakened the base. They are on the boundary of a new build house on the plot known as The Spinney and are in danger of falling on the house or into the adjacent main road (B158).</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2022/1076/TPO Decision: Granted Decision Date: 17 August 2022</p> <p>Proposal: Reduce 8 Lime Trees by 4-5 meters (4-5m off the top and brining the sides in to shape) due to excessive shading size and untidiness, all are covered by two blanket TPOs (TPO3 W4 and TPO 618 (2017) W1)</p>
Main Issues	
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	<p>The application tree is a semi-mature ash standing on the front boundary of the property, directly adjacent to the B158, High Road, Essendon.</p> <p>The tree is showing typical symptoms of ash die-back in advanced stages. The tree is mostly dead and it clearly had the 'pom-pom' bunched epicormic growths in the crown in recent years.</p>

	Felling this tree is reasonable. No replacement condition has been suggested due to the woodland designation of the Order.
Conclusion	
The proposed tree works are justified and proportionate given the justification and reasoning for it and 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.

DRAWING NUMBERS

2. 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	26 April 2023

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

Determined By:

Mr Oliver Waring
22 May 2023