

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2020/1292/TPO  
**Location:** 61A Pine Grove Hatfield AL9 7BL  
**Proposal:** Reduce 3 x Oak tree by 20% under TPO170 G1  
 Reduce 1 x Scots Pine by 20% under TPO170 T3  
**Officer:** Mr Gregory Coppenhall

**Recommendation:** Granted

6/2020/1292/TPO

<b>Context</b>	
<b>Site description</b>	61A Pine Grove Hatfield AL9 7BL
<b>Relevant history</b>	Planning
<b>Main Issues</b>	
<b>Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)</b>	<p>Applicant seeks to reduce the Pine tree by 20%. The tree is approximately 11m in height and 8m in canopy spread. I interpret this 20% reduction to equal 2-3m in length. Given the large size and apparent good vitality of the tree this reduction should not be detrimental to the tree, provided pruning is carried out in accordance with standards and during the correct season.</p> <p>Applicant seeks to reduce three Oak trees by 20%. The trees are approximately 13m in height and 9m in canopy spread. I interpret this 20% reduction to equal 2-3m in length. Given the large size and apparent good vitality of the tree this reduction should not be detrimental to the tree, provided pruning is carried out in accordance with standards and during the correct season.</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>
<b>Conclusion</b>	
Given the trees large size and apparently healthy condition, the works to reduce the trees will not be detrimental to the character or the amenities of the area. The work request is appropriate and	

therefore 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:

<b>Plan Number</b>	<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Received Date</b>
Tree Sketch		Tree Sketch	8 June 2020

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

**Determined By:**

Ms Emma Griffin  
4 August 2020