

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
DIRECTORATE OF STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT**

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2016/1856/TPO  
**Location:** 19 Scholars Mews, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7JQ  
**Proposal:** Fell Oak tree covered by TPO 437 (2009)  
**Officer:** Mr O Waring

**Recommendation:** Granted

6/2016/1856/TPO

<b>Context</b>	
<b>Relevant history</b>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2016/2112/TPO      Decision:      Decision Date:            Proposal: Tree works</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2016/2227/EM      Decision:      Decision Date:            Proposal: Tree works</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2015/1556/TPO      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 19 November 2015            Proposal: Reduce one hornbeam to 4m and another hornbeam to 5m. Crown reduce 2 hornbeams by 30-40%. Reduce hornbeam in front garden by 40%</p>
<b>Main Issues</b>	
<b>Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)</b>	<p>The tree in question is a mature oak tree growing within the rear garden of 19 Scholars Mews Welwyn Garden City.</p> <p>The tree is approximately 12m tall with a reasonable sized crown and normal vitality. It is growing close to a neighbouring oak tree of similar height but with a smaller crown. The tree has lean towards the neighbouring property. Along the main stem are fissures and cracks some with signs of a dark exudate. The bark also appears buckled in places and there are some mild depressions in the stem. Also noted were some small D shaped holes indicative of the buprestid beetle <i>Agrilus biguttatus</i>. These accumulative symptoms are indicative of Acute Oak Decline. Although not at an advance stage there are concerns regarding the structural integrity of the tree.</p> <p>Given the location of the tree, it's lean towards the neighbouring property and that it is likely to decline further there is no objection to its removal.</p>

	It is considered that there is sufficient tree cover within the rear garden and a replacement will not be required.
<b>Conclusion</b>	
The tree is in decline and is likely to become a danger and therefore there is no objection to its removal.	

**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 development/works shall not be started and completed other than in accordance with the approved plans and details:

Location Plan received and dated 09 September 2016

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

**Determined By:**

Mrs S Smith  
3 November 2016