

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2017/2671/TPO
Location: 5 Reddings Welwyn Garden City AL8 7LA
Proposal: Reduce 1 x Oak tree by 10 % - covered by TPO 432 (2009)
Officer: Mr Oliver Waring

Recommendation: Granted

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Context	
Relevant history	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: N6/2009/1786/TP Decision: Granted Decision Date: 29 September 2009 Proposal: REDUCE CROWN BY 25% OF LARGE OAK TREE AND REDUCE SMALL OAK TREE BY 50% COVERED BY TPO 432</p> <p>Application Number: N6/2013/2384/TP Decision: Granted Decision Date: 07 January 2014 Proposal: Crown thin by 10% Oak T1 covered by TPO 432</p> <p>Application Number: N6/2013/2630/FP Decision: Granted Decision Date: 07 February 2014 Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2017/1771/TPO Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 19 September 2017 Proposal: T1 - Oak Tree. Crown thinning by 10%- Conservation Area</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2017/2220/TPO Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 02 November 2017 Proposal: Crown thin 2 x Oak trees by 10% (T1 & T2) - Conservation Area</p>
Main Issues	
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	<p>The tree in question is a mature growing within the rear garden of 5 Reddings, Welwyn Garden City. The tree is covered by TPO 432.</p>

	<p>The tree is approximately 14m tall and is good health and condition. The tree has been pruned in the past to contain its size and spread. The applicant is proposing to prune the tree by 10% to prune back the regrowth. Given the past management of this tree the proposed work is considered appropriate.</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>
<p>Conclusion</p>	
<p>The proposed tree works are proportionate to the health or structural issues the tree displays and are reasonable arboricultural management will not harm the amenity of the individual trees or the woodland as a whole. The application should be approved.</p>	

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.

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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
See Q7		See Q7	14 November 2017

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

Determined By:

Mr Chris Carter
20 December 2017