

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Andrew Hunter.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/01362/TPO

T1 Oak - Remove

Land To The Rear Of 26

Oakhill Drive

Welwyn

Hertfordshire

AL6 9NW

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 See Uniform.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

The site comprises a detached dwelling with a rear garden that extends into the edges of an area TPO (TPO/003), also known as Oakhills Wood. The site is in a residential street in a rural area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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4.3 **Key Issues**

The key issue for consideration is the visual impact the proposed works would have on the amenity of the area.

The reasons for the proposed removal is:

This tree's positioning is leaning heavily over two gardens. There is obvious signs of decay at the base of the tree, with a few snapped dead limbs. The tree is being suffocated by the vast amount of Ivy and the client is concerned that if left it will cause damage to the two fences.

The application should be assessed in accordance with Government guidance, including on the impacts of the proposal on the amenity of the area.

The Oak is considered to exhibit the characteristics stated by the applicant above. The Oak is not considered to make a significant contribution to the amenity of the locality as it is a small part of a much larger woodland, and its removal will have only negligible impacts on its appearance. It also has limited public visibility being at the end of a long rear garden of a dwelling that is on a private road.

As such I would not raise objections to the proposal subject to the conditions below.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That Tree Preservation Order Consent be **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:

1. The works shall be undertaken only by a competent and suitably qualified arboricultural contractor or tree surgeon as capable of carrying them out to an acceptable standard.

Reason: In order that the works are undertaken by a suitably qualified contractor.

2. The works shall be carried out to conform to British Standard 3998 - Recommendations for Tree Work and in a manner so as to ensure that the natural and aesthetic appearance of the trees are maintained to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to ensure that the works are undertaken to an acceptable standard which will not harm the health of the tree(s).

Signed  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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