

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – 29 MARCH 2018
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (PUBLIC PROTECTION, PLANNING AND
GOVERNANCE)

Appeal Decisions 15/02/2018 to 13/03/2018

6/2017/0396/TPO	
DCLG No:	APP/TPO/C1950/6246
Appeal By:	A Sharma
Site:	6 Broadleaf Grove Welwyn Garden City AL8 7AZ
Proposal:	Removal of Oak tree covered by TPO 194 (1995)
Decision:	Appeal Allowed with Conditions
Decision Date:	01/03/2018
Delegated or DMC Decision:	Delegated
Summary:	<p>The main issue was the effect of the removal of the Oak tree on the character and appearance of the area and whether this was justified. The Inspector noted that part of the appeal garden, and much of the wider area contains mature, broadleaved woodland, where tall trees with fine, natural-shaped canopies form a highly attractive backdrop. It was noted that the Oak tree in this appeal was not part of the woodland, although it may once have been. The Inspector also noted that the tree had been subject to some quite severe treatments in the past in order for it to be adequately contained in the garden. It was accepted that the tree is seen from Broadleaf Grove and the wider area, but mostly against a backdrop of woodland, from where it appears misshapen and detracts from the natural, untreated crowns of the woodland trees. The Inspector concluded that although the Oak is visible, it is of limited amenity value and the removal would make little difference to the character and appearance of the area.</p>