WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL - DEVELOPMENT CONTROL **DELEGATED REPORT**

APPLICATION No:	S6/2012/1202/TC

NOTATION:

The site lies within Conservation Area as designated in the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005.

DESCRIPTION OF SITE: St Audrey's Care Home, Church Street, Old Hatfield

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Felling of sycamore tree

PLANNING HISTORY:

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES:

National Planning Policy Framework

East of England Plan 2008: ENV2:Landscape Character

Hertfordshire Structure Plan Review 1991 - 2011: None

Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005: GBSP2: Towns and specified settlements R17 - Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows D2 - Character and Context

D8 - Landscaping

RA10 - Landscape Character Area and Region

CONSULTATIONS:

The application was advertised by means of the councillors' notification list and no representations were received.

TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None received

REPRESENTATIONS

No representations were received.

DISCUSSION:

The tree in question is a self set sycamore, short in stature. It is growing directly adjacent to the retaining wall and is causing severe physical encroachment onto the adjacent building.

CONCLUSION:

The tree is not particularity visible from a public space and is not worthy of a TPO by virtue of its poor form.

RECOMMENDATION:

No objections to the proposal.

INFORMATIVES:

None

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Signature of author. Date......21st June 2012......