

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
DELEGATED REPORT

APPLICATION No:	N6/2010/312/TC
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NOTATION:

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

DESCRIPTION OF SITE: 189 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Removal of Fir tree located in rear garden

PLANNING HISTORY:

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES:

National Policy

PPG15: Planning and the Historic Environment

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

D8 - Landscaping

RA10 – Landscape Character Area and Region

Policy GBSP2 – Towns and Specified Settlements

CONSULTATIONS: The application was advertised by means of neighbour notification and no representations were received.

TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS: None received

REPRESENTATIONS

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DISCUSSION:

Paragraph 4.40 of PPG15 states “when considering whether to extend protection to trees in conservation areas, local planning authorities should always take into account the visual, historic and amenity contribution of trees.”

The tree in question is a semi-mature Leyland cypress approximately 7m tall growing with the rear garden. The tree appears to have normal vigour and health. The form of

the tree is poor as it a twin stem tree with included bark union. The tree has been pruned harshly in the past further affecting its form. In addition the tree is growing within a small raised bed which limits the future viability of this tree.

The tree does not contribute to the landscape due to its poor form and past management. The applicant wishes to remove the tree. In light of its poor management and the location of this tree there is no objection to its removal. A replacement has not been requested as the area for in question is not suitable for tree planting.

CONCLUSION: The works requested would not affect the amenity of the landscape in this area.

RECOMMENDATION: The proposal is appropriate. No objection

INFORMATIVES:

DRAWING NUMBERS: Plan provided with application.

Signature of author..... Date.....