

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

<b>APPLICATION No:</b>	<b>S6/2013/0839/TC</b>
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**NOTATION:**

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

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** Fell sweet chestnut tree

**PLANNING HISTORY:**

S6/2009/1464/TC – Crown reduction and thinning of horse chestnut T(1) No objections

**TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

None received

**REPRESENTATIONS**

No representations were received.

**DISCUSSION:**

The consideration is whether or not the tree(s) merit(s) a Tree Preservation Order. Assessment is therefore required of the amenity value of the tree(s) and whether it/they help to preserve the character or appearance of the conservation area.

The assessment considers the condition of the tree, its retention span, relative public visibility and other factors – such as, but not limited to, whether it is part of a group, has historical importance and, has good form.

The tree(s) condition and suitability is considered to be fair with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 40-100 years. It is a medium sized tree with only a limited view visible to the public.

The tree does not have any additional considerations.

The sweet chestnut is tree which has a large ultimate stature. Although this tree is semi-mature, it has already had works to contain it. The importance of this tree has been elevated with the foreseeable loss of surrounding ash trees over the next five to ten years.

**CONCLUSION:**

From the above considerations, it is concluded that the tree(s) are not appropriate for a Tree Preservation Order / are appropriate for a Tree Preservation Order.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Tree Preservation Order is made.

**DRAWING NUMBERS:** Location plan received and dated 25 April 2013.

**Signature of author..... Date.....17 May 2013....**