

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
DELEGATED REPORT

APPLICATION No:	S6/2013/0935/TC
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NOTATION:

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Reduce two Ash trees back to provide 4m clearance of property, reduce Sycamore tree to give 2m clearance of property and fell Yew tree to ground level

PLANNING HISTORY: n/a

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 yew tree: The trees condition and suitability is considered to be good with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 20-40 years. It is a small tree and is not very visible to the public.

The tree is not suitable for further protection.

The ash trees stand next to each other and are very similar in form and nature: The trees health and structural condition is considered to be fair with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 20-40 years. They are very large crowned trees and have clear visibility by the public.

These trees are not suitable for further protection.

The sycamore tree: The trees condition and suitability is considered to be fair with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 20-40 years. It is a medium crowned tree with limited visibility to the public.

This tree is not suitable for further protection.

CONCLUSION:

From the above considerations, it is concluded that the trees are not appropriate for a Tree Preservation Order.

RECOMMENDATION:

No objection.

DRAWING NUMBERS: Tree location plan drawn in question 7 of the application form received and dated 10 May 2013.

Signature of author..... Date...31 May 2013....