

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT**  
**DELEGATED REPORT**

**APPLICATION No:** 6/2015/2219/TPO

**SITE ADDRESS:** Land at Park Close, Hatfield, AL9 5AY

**DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT:** Pollard 5 Lime trees, crown reduce 2 Cherry trees by 20%, reduce 2 Apple trees by 20%, reduce 1 Cherry tree by 30% and fell 1 Horse Chestnut tree - Conservation Area.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** No objections

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

**PLANNING HISTORY:** S6/2009/0221/TC - 2 Norwegian spruce trees cut to ground level, 30% crown reduction of Prunus, 50%-60% crown reduction of Bramley Apple tree and further Prunus cut to ground level (No objection)

**TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None received

**REPRESENTATIONS:** None.

**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 trees stand within the communal areas of the Park Close residences. All the trees can easily be seen from a public area.

All the tree work applied for is reasonable general management for these trees.

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

**RECOMMENDATION:** No objection.

1. The development/works shall not be started and completed other than in accordance with the approved plans and details:

Tree location plan received and dated 29 October 2015.

REASON: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans and details.

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