

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
DELEGATED REPORT

APPLICATION No: 6/2015/2375/TPO

SITE ADDRESS: 9 Longcroft Gardens, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6JR

DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT: Crown reduce Ornamental Cherry tree and two Prunus tree's, by upto 7ft plus crown reduce Silver Birch tree by 10ft - Conservation Area.

RECOMMENDATION: No Objection

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

PLANNING HISTORY: N/A

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.

Ornamental cherry

The trees condition and suitability is considered to be fair with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately less than 10 years. The trees overall size can be classed as small with some visibility to the public.

Prunus x2

The trees condition and suitability is considered to be fair with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately less than 10 years. The trees overall size can be classed as small with some visibility to the public.

Silver birch

The trees condition and suitability is considered to be fair with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately less than 10 years. The trees overall size can be classed as medium with some visibility to the public.

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

RECOMMENDATION: No objection.

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Signature of author..... **Date:** 30 December 2015