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TOWN and COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990,s.198 TOWN and COUNTRY PLANNING (TREE PRESERVATION ORDER) REGULATIONS 1999 (as amended)

Applicant/Agent

Application Number

S6/2011/723/TP

Mr G Harding Gascoyne Holdings Hatfield House Hatfield Park Office HATFIELD AL9 5NQ

Description: Fell two Horse Chestnut trees covered by TPO 343

Location: 40 Park Street HATFIELD

Consent is hereby **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:-

1. The works hereby approved shall be undertaken within three years of the date of this notice

REASON: To ensure that works to trees are undertaken within an appropriate time scale, after which time reconsideration of their suitability should take place in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

2. The works hereby approved shall be undertaken in accordance with the British Standard 3998 (Tree Work) and by an appropriately qualified person

REASON: To ensure that any works undertaken comply with arboricultural best practice.

3. Two Quercus, Castanea, Liquidamber, Liridendron or Platanus (with minimum girth of 8-10cm circumference) shall be planted in a similar location in the next available planting season (November-February) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

REASON: Replacement trees are required given the current amenity value of the tree(s) and consent is only given for the works because of the poor structural condition of the tree.

REASON FOR APPROVAL: The proposal has been considered against development plan policies (i.e. National Policy, East of England Plan 2008, Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005, GBSP2, R17, D2, D8), in addition to the Human Rights Act 1998, which indicate that the proposal should be approved. Material planning considerations do not justify a decision contrary to the Development Plan (see Officer's report which can be inspected at these offices).

INFORMATIVE

1. Deadwood is an important feature within woods as so much wildlife lives and thrives on it and in it. Caution should be taken with trees which have horizontal or vertical cracks greater than a pencil thickness or with large plates of peeling bark, as these are ideal roosts for bats. Bats are a European Protected Species. Actions which would compromise an offence under Regulation 41 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species regulations 2010 require consent from Natural England prior to any works being undertaken.

APPROVED PLAN NUMBER(S): Location plan received and dated 14th April 2011

Date: 20/06/2011

Tracy Harvey

Head of Development Control