

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PLANNING, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND GOVERNANCE**

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2017/1590/TPO
Location: Station Lodge Hatfield Park Great North Road Hatfield AL9 5AE
Proposal: T1: Beech - Crown lift to 6 metres from ground level
 T2: Sycamore- Fell to ground level - Conservation Area
Officer: Miss M Hill

Recommendation: No Objection

Context	
Relevant planning history	Planning None
Consultations	
Consultations do not apply to Trees within Conservation Area applications in accordance with the Tree Regulation Order and therefore any response cannot be considered.	
Main Issues	
Whether the tree(s) merit a Tree Preservation Order	<p>An assessment is required of the amenity value of the tree(s) and whether it/they help to preserve the character or appearance of the conservation area.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Both trees stand within the rear garden of 1 Arm and Sword Lane, on the bank directly adjacent to the main driveway of Hatfield House.</p> <p>T1, the beech is a mature tree with good visibility. It appears to be in fair to reasonable health but with low vitality, probably due to the building works undertaken within the rooting zone. The proposal is to crown lift the tree to 6m, this is exceptionally high. The tree already has a high lift on the Hatfield House driveway side, between 4 and 5m so a 6m lift will remove very little growth. The house side has a lower crown 3 to 4m high but is physically encroaching upon the new building. Should the crown be trimmed off the building it would be similar to an uneven lift of 6m. The proposed works are reasonable in this particular location.</p> <p>T2, a sycamore, is a young self-set tree with a diameter at breast height (DBH) of just over 10cm. It has very little visibility as it stands under the crown of the beech tree. The proposal is to remove this tree. This is reasonable due to location of it and the presence of the beech tree with greater amenity.</p>
Conclusion	
From the above considerations, it is concluded that the trees do not require a Tree Preservation	

Order as the proposed works are reasonable. .

Conditions:

DRAWING NUMBERS

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

Plan Number	Revision Number	Details	Received Date
		Tree Location Plan	20 July 2017

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

Determined By:

Mrs L Hughes
8 September 2017