

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2017/2034/TPO
Location: 179 Parkway Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JA
Proposal: 1 x Sycamore to fell to ground level and re plant with a Silver Birch
 - Conservation Area
Officer: Mr O Waring

Recommendation: No Objection

6/2017/2034/TPO

Context	
Relevant planning history	<p>Enforcement</p> <p>Application Number: ENF/2016/0343 Decision: Decision Date: Proposal: Removing conifers and works to hedge</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2017/1548/TPO Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 07 September 2017</p> <p>Proposal: Reduce side branches of Ash tree (T2) by 1.5m, reduce side branches of Cherry tree (T3) by 2m, Fell Silver Birch tree (T1) and fell Conifer tree (T4) - Conservation Area</p>
Consultations	
<p>Consultations do not apply to Trees within Conservation Area applications in accordance with the Tree Regulation Order and therefore any response cannot be considered.</p>	
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>The tree's 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 clear visibility to the public. There is no objection to the removal of this tree.</p>
Conclusion	
<p>From the above considerations, it is concluded that the tree is not appropriate for a Tree Preservation Order.</p>	

DRAWING NUMBERS

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
		Sketch Location Plan	12 September 2017

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

Determined By:

Mrs L Hughes
2 November 2017