

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2018/2400/EM  
**Location:** 11 Stanborough Close Welwyn Garden City AL8 6XB  
**Proposal:** Fell 6x Lime trees (G1)  
**Officer:** Ms Emma Griffin

**Recommendation:** Refused

6/2018/2400/EM

| <b>Context</b>                            |  |           |          |
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| <b>Constraints</b>                        | Estate Management Scheme, as defined within the Leasehold Reform Act 1967  |           |          |
| <b>Relevant Estate Management history</b> | Planning<br><br>Application Number: 6/2018/2401/EM      Decision:      Decision Date:<br>Proposal: Fell 6x Lime Trees (G1)   |           |          |
| <b>Consultations</b>                      |  |           |          |
| <b>Neighbour representations</b>          | Support: 0   | Object: 2 | Other: 0 |
| <b>Summary of neighbour responses</b>     | Grant Wilson 2 Rooks Hill    Comment:<br>Grant Wilson 2 Rooks Hill    Comment: I object to this application for the following reasons:<br>1 We are a Garden City and we should be preserving our greenery and the wildlife it contains, not removing them.<br>2 Chopping down the trees will considerably reduce the privacy of the surrounding homes and remove the shade offered in the summer months.<br>3 The trees in question are thriving.<br>4 Removing 6 trees from a small area could seriously impact the drainage. If there is subsequent heave or subsidence to our property will the council compensate us?<br>5 We maintain 2 similar trees without a problem. They are simply pollarded every 2 or 3 years. Why can't this continue to be done to these 6 trees as has been done for many years now?<br>6 No reason for removing the trees has been given in the application, nor is an applicant shown. |           |          |

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| <b>Consultees and responses</b>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council - Councillor Helen Bromley</li> <li>2. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council - Councillor Fiona Thomson</li> <li>3. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council - Councillor Siobhan Elam</li> </ol>  |
| <b>Relevant Policies</b>  | Policy EM3 – Soft Landscaping   |
| <b>Main Issues</b>  |   |
| <b>Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)</b>  | <p>2 of the 6 trees are situated within the boundary of number 11 Stanborough Close. Trees are situated to the rear of the property and form a small group with the 4 trees situated within 12 Stanborough Close.</p> <p>These trees are approximately 11m in height with a 3m crown spread. Trees have been maintained as pollards and appear to be in good health.</p> <p>Trees are visible from all public spaces due to the height of the dwellings and breaks between surrounding properties.</p> <p>The trees offer a suitable soft landscaping feature for the area and are ideal for maintaining as high pollards to continue adding character to the surrounding area.</p> <p>Proposed works were inappropriate and justification is insufficient to remove the trees.</p> |
| <b>Conclusion</b>   |   |
| The application proposal is not appropriate and would result in the loss of landscaping that would harm the character of the landscape. |   |

**Reasons for Refusal:**

1. The work request is inappropriate and would result in the loss of landscaping that would harm the character and amenities of the area; contrary to Policy EM3 (Soft Landscaping) of the Welwyn Garden City Estate Management Scheme.

REFUSED DRAWING NUMBERS

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|----|--------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| 2. | <b>Plan Number</b> | <b>Revision Number</b> | <b>Details</b> | <b>Received Date</b> |
|    | Tree Sketch        |                        | Tree Sketch    | 18 September 2018    |

**Determined By:**

Mr Chris Carter  
21 November 2018