

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2018/2401/EM
Location: 12 Stanborough Close Welwyn Garden City AL8 6XB
Proposal: Fell 6x Lime Trees (G1)
Officer: Ms Emma Griffin

Recommendation: Refused

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Context			
Constraints	Estate Management Scheme, as defined within the Leasehold Reform Act 1967		
Relevant Estate Management history	Planning Application Number: 6/2018/2400/EM Decision: Decision Date: Proposal: Fell 6x Lime trees (G1)		
Consultations			
Neighbour representations	Support: 1	Object: 1	Other: 0
Summary of neighbour responses	Philip Burrows 11 Stanborough Close Comment: Grant Wilson 2 Rooks Hill Welwyn Garden City AL8 6ET Comment:		
Consultees and responses	1. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council - Councillor Helen Bromley 2. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council - Councillor Fiona Thomson 3. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council - Councillor Siobhan Elam		
Relevant Policies	Policy EM3 – Soft Landscaping		
Main Issues			
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	4 of the 6 trees are situated within the boundary of number 12 Stanborough Close. Trees are situated to the rear of the property and form a small group with the 2 trees situated within 11 Stanborough Close. 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. Trees are visible from all public spaces due to the height of the dwellings and breaks between surrounding properties. 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. Proposed works were inappropriate and justification is insufficient to remove		

the trees.

Conclusion

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

2.

Plan Number	Revision Number	Details	Received Date
Tree Sketch		Tree Sketch	18 September 2018

Determined By:

Mr Chris Carter
21 November 2018