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

<u>**DELEGATED APPLICATION**</u>

Application No:	6/2019/1207/TC
Location:	16 Fore Street Hatfield AL9 5AH
Proposal:	Reduce 6 x Yew trees by 50%
	Fell 2 x Yew trees
Officer:	Mr Oliver Waring

Recommendation: No Objection

6/2019/1207/TC

Context	
Relevant planning history	Planning
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	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. 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. Yew x8 The trees' condition and suitability is considered to be good with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 40-100 years. The trees' overall size can be classed as medium with limited visibility to the public. The yew trees have been planted in line which has made an informal hedge. The trees have become tall and leggy and a reduction of the trees will allow the hedge to thicken. The removal of two of yews will allow the reaming trees to spread and fill the gap. The proposed work is considered appropriate.
Conclusion	
From the above considerations, it is concluded that the tree(s) do not require a Tree Preservation Order.	

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
Tree Sketch		Tree Sketch	9 July 2019

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

Determined By:

Mr Chris Carter
30 August 2019