

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2019/2063/TC
Location: 8 Stanborough Close Welwyn Garden City AL8 6XB
Proposal: Pollard x 4 lime trees by 4-5m
Officer: Ms Emma Griffin

Recommendation: No Objection

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Context	
Relevant planning history	<p>Application Number: 6/2016/0083/TPO Decision: Granted Decision Date: 02 March 2016</p> <p>Proposal: Crown reduce Sorbus tree (T1) by 3m, reduce lateral by 1.5m and crown lift to 4m. Crown reduce Sorbus tree (T2) by 3m and reduce lateral by 1.5m. Crown reduce 4 Lime trees (T3-T6) by 3m, reduce lateral by 3m and crown lift to 4m. Crown reduce 2 Lime trees (T7-T8) by 2m, reduce lateral by 1m and crown lift to 4m. Crown reduce 4 Lime trees (T9-T12) by 2m, reduce lateral by 1m and crown lift to 4m - Conservation Area</p>
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>The trees condition and suitability is considered to be fair with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 20-40 years. The trees overall size can be classed as medium with clear visibility to the public.</p> <p>Four lime trees have previously been maintained as pollards and works are to reduce back to previous reduction points. This is appropriate arboricultural maintenance.</p>
Conclusion	
From the above considerations, it is concluded that the tree(s) are not appropriate for 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 - Valid	4 September 2019

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

Determined By:

Mrs Sarah Smith
16 October 2019