

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2020/2037/TC
Location: Land rear of Stanborough Close, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6XB
Proposal: 3x Populus Italica (Lombardy Poplar) to rear of 14 & 16 Rooks Hill
 - reduce by 50%

Sever Ivy at base

Large Tilia x europaea (Lime) group on boundary of 14 Rooks Hill - reduce by 6 metres
 Sever Ivy at base

Dead Betula Pendula (Silver Birch) group to rear of 14 Rooks Hill - fell to low stumps
Officer: Mr Oliver Waring

Recommendation: No Objection

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Context	
Site and Application description	Land to the rear of Stanborough Close, Welwyn Garden City
Relevant planning history	Planning None
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>(Due to restrictions in place because of Covid-19 the trees were viewed from a public viewpoint)</p> <p>Poplar x3 The trees 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 large with some visibility to the public. The proposed work is considered appropriate.</p> <p>Lime</p>

	<p>The trees condition and suitability is considered to be good with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 20-40 years. The trees overall size can be classed as large with some visibility to the public. The proposed work is considered appropriate.</p> <p>Silver birch group The trees condition and suitability is considered to be dead with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately less than 10 years. The trees overall size can be classed as medium with limited visibility to the public</p>
Conclusion	
<p>From the above considerations, it is concluded that the trees are 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
Tree sketch	2	Tree sketch	3 September 2020
Location plan		Location plan	26 August 2020

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

Determined By:

Mr Gregory Coppenhall
15 October 2020