

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2021/0980/TC
Location: 18 Rooks Hill Welwyn Garden City AL8 6ET
Proposal: Lawson Cypress to reduce by 6m height
 Hawthorn hedge behind Lawson Cypress to reduce height by approximately 3.5m
Officer: Ms Emma Griffin

Recommendation: No Objection

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Context	
Site description	18 Rooks Hill Welwyn Garden City AL8 6ET
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>Lawson Cypress 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 a limited visibility to the public.</p> <p>Hawthorn hedge 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 small with a limited visibility to the public.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19 restrictions the trees have been viewed from a public vantage point and photos submitted with the application only.</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
Location plan		Location plan	25 March 2021
Tree sketch		Tree sketch	25 March 2021

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

Determined By:

Mr Oliver Waring
29 April 2021