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WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PLANNING, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND GOVERNANCE

DELEGATED APPLICATION

**Application No:** 6/2022/0351/EMT

**Location:** 25 Rooks Hill Welwyn Garden City AL8 6EU

**Proposal:** 1 x Cherry to reduce by approximately 2.5m height & 1.5m width. Lift to 4m above ground level. Client wishes to reduce the tree back to its previous size 3-4 years back.

**Officer:** Mr James Hare

# **Recommendation:** Granted

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| **Context** | | | | | | |
| **Site description** | 25 Rooks Hill, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6EU | | | | | |
| **Constraints** | Estate Management Scheme, as defined within the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 | | | | | |
| **Relevant Estate Management history** | Planning  Application Number: N6/2012/1719/TE Decision: Granted Decision Date: 25 September 2012  Proposal: Reduce Cherry tree by 30% | | | | | |
| **Consultations** | | | | | | |
| **Neighbour representations** | | Support: 0 | | | Object: 0 | Other: 0 |
| **Summary of neighbour responses** | | |  | | | |
| **Consultees and responses** | | | 1. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council - Councillor Fiona Thomson  2. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council - Councillor Siobhan Elam  3. Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council - Councillor Anthony Dennis | | | |
| **Relevant Policies** Policy EM3 – Soft Landscaping | | | | | | |
| **Main Issues** | | | | | | |
| **Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)** | | | | The tree is approximately 8m tall and the spread is approximately 3m radius. The shape of the canopy is round and spreading.  There is partial visibility of the tree to the public.  The tree works outlined in the application are to maintain the tree as a small tree that is manageable in a garden setting. The works will not detract from the character and amenity of the area. | | |
| **Conclusion** | | | | | | |
| The work request is appropriate and would not result in the loss of landscaping that would harm the character and amenities of the area. | | | | | | |

**Conditions:**

1. The works hereby permitted must only be carried out during winter (November to February, inclusive) or high summer (July to August inclusive) and at no other time.

REASON: To maintain the character and appearance of the area in accordance with Policy EM3 of the Estate Management Scheme.

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2. The development/works shall not be started and completed other than in accordance with the approved plans and details:

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| **Plan Number** | **Revision Number** | **Details** | **Received Date** |
|  |  | Tree Sketch | 14 February 2022 |
|  |  | Location Plan | 14 February 2022 |

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