

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2022/0397/TC
Location: Land at Park Close Hatfield AL9 5AY
Proposal: Trees on communal land of Park Close.
 T1 Damson - Fell
 T2 Holly - Reduce height to 6 feet
 G3 Horse chestnut - dead - fell
Officer: Ms M Hill

Recommendation: No Objection

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Context	
Site and Application description	Land at Park Close Hatfield AL9 5AY Trees on communal land of Park Close. T1 Damson - Fell T2 Holly - Reduce height to 6 feet G3 Horse chestnut - dead - fell
Relevant planning history	Application Number: 6/2015/2219/TPO Decision: Granted Decision Date: 23 November 2015 Proposal: Pollard 5 Lime trees, crown reduce 2 Cherry trees by 20%, reduce 2 Apple trees by 20%, reduce 1 Cherry tree by 30% and fell 1 Horse Chestnut tree - Conservation Area. Application Number: 6/2017/1591/TPO Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 05 September 2017 Proposal: Fell 7 x Crack Willow trees (G1+G3), 4 x Ash trees (G2), 10 x Prunus and Blackthorn trees (G4+G5) to ground level and remove lowest limb on Northern side of Sycamore tree (T2) - Conservation Area Application Number: 6/2017/2210/TPO Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 10 November 2017 Proposal: Fell 1x Cherry Tree (T1) - Conservation Area Application Number: 6/2018/0095/TPO Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 22 February 2018 Proposal: Fell 1 x Cherry tree (T1) - Conservation area
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	An assessment is required of the amenity value of the tree(s) and whether

<p>tree(s) merit a Tree Preservation Order</p>	<p>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>T1 Damson stands to the north of block 7 to 18 Park Close, a tall block of flats. This is a dead end to the close and further north is a residential garden above a retaining wall. This tree has no visibility until you stand directly by it. Its loss will not be detrimental to the character of the locality.</p> <p>T2 Holly stands to the north of block 7 to 18 Park Close, a tall block of flats. This is a dead end to the close and further north is a residential garden above a retaining wall. This tree has no visibility until you stand directly by it. Reducing its height will not be detrimental as it will still exist as a bush.</p> <p>G3 Horse chestnut is a group of three horse chestnuts which were previously topped. They are aesthetically unattractive and appear to have reduced vitality and poor health. They stand at the top of retaining wall and are very visible but add little to the character of the locality.</p>
<p>Conclusion</p>	
<p>From the above considerations, it is concluded that the trees do not require 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
		Site Plan	21 February 2022
		Location Plan	21 February 2022

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

Determined By:

Mr Oliver Waring
13 April 2022

