

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (PLANNING)**

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2022/2795/TC
Location: Park Close Park Street Old Hatfield AL9 5AY
Proposal: Lime tree x 5 to re pollard back to previous pollard points.

Cherry tree-to remove lower branches to lift crown to just above head height; remove dead wood from crown; and remove selected branches to rebalance crown making it more symmetrical.

Apple tree x 2 to full crown reduction by 2 metres of growth from height of crowns and 2 metres of growth from side of crowns leaving both crowns nicely symmetrical; and remove water shoots from inner crowns and thin out both crowns by 20% remove crisscrossing and rubbing branches.

Officer: Ms M Hill

Recommendation: No Objection

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Context	
Site and Application description	<p>Park Close Park Street Old Hatfield AL9 5AY</p> <p>Lime tree x 5 to re pollard back to previous pollard points.</p> <p>Cherry tree-to remove lower branches to lift crown to just above head height; remove dead wood from crown; and remove selected branches to rebalance crown making it more symmetrical.</p> <p>Apple tree x 2 to full crown reduction by 2 metres of growth from height of crowns and 2 metres of growth from side of crowns leaving both crowns nicely symmetrical; and remove water shoots from inner crowns and thin out both crowns by 20% remove crisscrossing and rubbing branches.</p>
Relevant planning history	<p>Application Number: 6/2015/2219/TPO Decision: Granted Decision Date: 23 November 2015</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2022/0397/TC Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 13 April 2022</p> <p>Proposal: Trees on communal land of Park Close.</p> <p>T1 Damson - Fell</p> <p>T2 Holly - Reduce height to 6 feet</p> <p>G3 Horse chestnut - dead - fell</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

Lime tree x 5 are a linear set of trees standing to the west of house 30. They are young trees, previously managed as pollards. They are in in good health, vitality and structural condition with approximately 3-4m of regrowth on them. The proposed works are reasonable.

The Cherry tree stands on a back verge junction between houses 2 and 3. The tree is fully mature, previously crown reduced, with pockets of decay throughout. Overall the tree is a reasonable health, vitality and structural condition. The proposed tree works are reasonable.

The two apple trees stand on small greens to the rear of 3/4 and 5/6. Both trees are very similar, mature trees in reasonable health, vitality and structural condition. Both have been previously crown reduced and the proposed tree works is reasonable management.

Conclusion

From the above considerations, it is concluded that the trees do not require 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
		Map	9 December 2022

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

Determined By:

Mr Oliver Waring
18 January 2023