

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2023/1180/TC  
**Location:** 26 Rooks Hill Welwyn Garden City AL8 6ET  
**Proposal:** G1 - Cherry x 2 - Located to side/rear of No 26 - encroaching onto property and low over public footpath - would like to reduce lateral branches by up to 2.5m to clear property and crown lift to 2-2.5m over footpath  
 T1 - Maple - Located to rear of No 38/40 - low over gardens with over extended branches - would like to crown reduce removing up to 2.5m and crown lift to approx 2-2.5m  
**Officer:** Mr James Hare

**Recommendation:** No Objection

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<b>Context</b>	
<b>Site description</b>	26 Rooks Hill Welwyn Garden City AL8 6ET
<b>Relevant planning history</b>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2018/2475/TPO      Decision: No Objection          Decision Date: 06 November 2018</p> <p>Proposal: Reduce 2x Cherry Tree (G1) by 20% and 1x Mixed Species (G2) reduce height by 2m</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2021/0409/TPO      Decision: No Objection          Decision Date: 26 March 2021</p> <p>Proposal: Fell 1 x Cherry tree (T1) and leave stump in the ground, covered by conservation area</p>
<b>Consultations</b>	
Consultations do not apply to Trees within Conservation Area applications in accordance with the Tree Regulation Order and therefore any response <b>cannot</b> be considered.	
<b>Main Issues</b>	
<b>Whether the tree(s) merit a Tree Preservation Order</b>	<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>The trees condition and suitability are 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 the cherry having prominent visibility and the maple having visibility with difficulty to the public.</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:

<b>Plan Number</b>	<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Received Date</b>
		Tree sketch	5 June 2023

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

**Determined By:**

Mr Oliver Waring  
3 July 2023