

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2023/1441/TC  
**Location:** 27 Rooks Hill Welwyn Garden City AL8 6EU  
**Proposal:** 1 x Beech to reduce by 1.2m in height and 1.5m in width to retain shape and size of the tree  
**Officer:** Ms Emma Griffin

**Recommendation:** No Objection

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<b>Context</b>	
<b>Site description</b>	27 Rooks Hill Welwyn Garden City AL8 6EU
<b>Relevant planning history</b>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2019/2673/TC      Decision: No Objection  Decision Date: 28 November 2019</p> <p>Proposal: Fell Line of Leyland Cypress</p> <p>Reduce 1 x Beech tree by 2m height &amp; 1m width</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 beech trees condition and suitability is considered to be good with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 40-100 years. The trees overall size can be classed as medium with clear visibility to the public.</p>
<b>Conclusion</b>	
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>
		Location plan	11 July 2023
		Tree sketch	11 July 2023

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

**Determined By:**

Mr Oliver Waring  
22 August 2023