

**WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL**  
**WORKS TO TPO TREES DELEGATED REPORT**

<b>APPLICATION No:</b>	<b><u>N6/2007/1365/TP</u></b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b><u>Land at Chequersfield Welwyn Garden City</u></b>
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	<b><u>Works to trees in Woodland and covered by TPO</u></b> <b><u>318 W1</u></b>

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** Selectively thinning/coppicing of Sycamore, Elm and scrub by 30%-50%. Coppicing of all Willows overhanging the pond. Safety/remedial surgery to all diseased mature trees showing signs of major decay or dead wood that may affect a footpath.

**SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES:**

Hertfordshire Structure Plan Review 1991 – 2011: None

Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005:

R17 – Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows  
D2 – Character and Context

**PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS:** None received

**REPRESENTATIONS:** Site notice period expired 1 November 2007

**DISCUSSION:** The proposals have been looked at by the Council's Ecologist to assess the impact of the work on the amenity and ecology of the woodland. The work described is good forestry practise as it evolves the removal of Sycamore which is invasive alien in woodlands and the felling of trees which are dead, dying or dangerous, which are being felled for heath and safety reasons. The work may also have a beneficial affect in encouraging under storey in the woodland which would increase bio-diversity. In light of the above, it is recommended that the application be approved.

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS**

**CONDITIONS:**

1. The works hereby approved shall be undertaken within three years of the date of this notice.

REASON: To ensure that works to trees are undertaken within an appropriate time scale, after which time reconsideration of their suitability should take place

2. The works hereby approved shall be undertaken in accordance with the British Standard 3998 (Tree Work) and by an appropriately qualified person

REASON: To ensure that any works undertaken comply with arboricultural best practice.

**REASON FOR APPROVAL:** The proposal has been considered against development plan policies (i.e. Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005 R17 and D2), in addition to the Human Rights Act 1998, which indicate that the proposal should be approved. Material planning considerations do not justify a decision contrary to the Development Plan (see Officer's report which can be inspected at these offices).

**DRAWING NUMBERS:** TPO318 location plan dated 1 December 2004 and date stamped 14 September 2007.

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