

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2022/0563/TC  
**Location:** 13 Sherrardspark Road Welwyn Garden City Hertfordshire AL8 7JW  
**Proposal:** T1 on the plan: Hornbeam request permission to fell urgently on the advice of a tree surgeon who has identified honey fungus at the base of the tree. Grind out the root and treat the soil.  
 T3-T6 on the plan: Reduce height of 4 x Leylandii by 30% to maintain good health and appearance.  
 T7 on the plan: Reduce height of Holly by maximum of 30% to maintain good health and appearance.

Replace the Hornbeam with a tree of equivalent amenity value - possibly a copper beech tree.

**Officer:** Ms M Hill

**Recommendation:** No Objection

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<b>Context</b>	
<b>Site and Application description</b>	<p>13 Sherrardspark Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7JW</p> <p>T1 on the plan: Hornbeam request permission to fell urgently on the advice of a tree surgeon who has identified honey fungus at the base of the tree. Grind out the root and treat the soil.</p> <p>T3-T6 on the plan: Reduce height of 4 x Leylandii by 30% to maintain good health and appearance.</p> <p>T7 on the plan: Reduce height of Holly by maximum of 30% to maintain good health and appearance.</p> <p>Replace the Hornbeam with a tree of equivalent amenity value - possibly a copper beech tree.</p>
<b>Relevant planning history</b>	<p>Application Number: 6/2020/1796/TC    Decision: No Objection            Decision Date: 28 August 2020</p> <p>Proposal: Fell 1x Holly tree</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2020/1731/EMT    Decision: Granted    Decision Date: 09 September 2020</p> <p>Proposal: Fell 1x Holly tree</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>All trees stand within the rear garden of the property. They have no visibility from the front of the property, nor from the through road of Sherradspark Road but are visible from Scholars Mews.</p> <p>T1 Hornbeam stands a little way off the boundary and is visible in part but only if you are specifically looking for the tree. There are no objections to the removal of trees with honey fungus.</p> <p>T3-T6 4 x Leylandii stands on the rear boundary of the garden. These trees are really an overgrown hedgerow and the proposed tree works will return them to a more manageable height for future containment. They do not qualify for TPO.</p> <p>T7 Holly stands on the rear boundary of the property. This tree is typical of its age and a little scrappy in appearance and is really a continuation of the boundary hedge. The reduction will bring the holly into a height which is more consistent with a hedgerow. It is not of sufficient value to qualify for TPO.</p>
<b>Conclusion</b>	
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:

<b>Plan Number</b>	<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Received Date</b>
		Proposal 13 Spr Sketch Plan	9 March 2022
		Location Plan	10 March 2022
		Location Plan	10 March 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