



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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2022/0564/EMT

Location: 13 Sherrardspark Road, Welwyn Garden City, 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: Granted

6/2022/0564/EMT

Context	
Site and Application description	13 Sherrardspark Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 7JW 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.
Constraints	Estate Management Scheme, as defined within the Leasehold Reform Act 1967
Relevant Estate Management history	Application Number: 6/2022/0563/TC Decision: Decision Date: 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. Application Number: 6/2020/1796/TC Decision: No Objection

	Decision Date: 28 August 2020		
	Proposal: Fell 1x Holly tree		
	Application Number: 6/2020/1731/EMT	Decision: Granted	Decision Date: 09 September 2020
	Proposal: Fell 1x Holly tree		
Consultations			
Neighbour representations	Support: 0	Object: 0	Other: 0
Summary of neighbour responses	None		
Consultees and responses	None		
Relevant Policies	Policy EM3 – Soft Landscaping		
Main Issues			
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	<p>All trees stand within the rear garden of the property. They have no visibility from the front of the property, not 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, if you are specifically looking for it. There are no objections to the removal of trees with honey fungus if they are replaced. The application includes a suggestion of copper beech which is acceptable. The recommended replanting condition also includes other tree species which are known to be more resistant to honey fungus should the applicant prefer something other than beech.</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.</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.</p>		
Conclusion			
The work request is appropriate and would not result in the loss of landscaping that would harm the character and amenities of the area.			

Conditions:

1. One Fagus, Arbutus, Cydonia, Mespilus, Morus, Taxus, Ginkgo, Juglands or Sophora (with minimum girth/circumference of 10-12cm or minimum height of 1.5m for the Taxus) shall be planted in a similar location in the next available planting season (October - February) in accordance with the British Standard 8545:2014 (Trees: from nursery to independence in the landscape – Recommendations) following the works hereby approved.

REASON: A replacement tree is required given the current amenity value of the tree(s) in accordance with the requirements of Policy EM3 of the Estate Management Scheme.

2. All works carried out in pursuance of this consent shall be and remain part of the Premises and shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the conveyance in all respects as if such works had at all times formed part of the Premises.

REASON: To comply with the requirements of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 Estate Management Scheme for Welwyn Garden City.

3. This consent or copy hereof shall be annexed to the Conveyance.

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4. There shall be no encroachment over the boundary of the plot either above or below ground level, nor any interference with the foundations of the adjoining property without the agreement of the adjoining owner or lessee.

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5. This consent now issued is given by the Council only in accordance with the requirements of the Management Scheme/Conveyance or Leasehold Covenants.

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DRAWING NUMBERS

6. 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
		Location plan and tree sketch	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