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**Application No:** 6/2022/2413/TC

**Date of Objection:** 24 November 2022

**Development:** 1 x Oak to dismantle in sections to ground level, grind out stump to approximately 200mm below existing ground level - Oak has large *Gymnopus fusipes* around base with some large dead branches  
1 x Hornbeam to reduce by 2m in height and 1.2m in width - This will allow more light.

Council owned trees - to cut back all overhanging branches back to fence line full height of the trees. The trees are excessively hanging and client wants to cut back to improve light to his garden and prevent lots of debris - I know this doesn't need to be on the application but this is to make you aware the client wishes to cut the overhang back. Please remove from the application if necessary

**At Location:** 9 Scholars Mews Welwyn Garden City AL8 7JQ

**Applicant:** Mr Aykut Antuy

**Application Date:** 18 October 2022

1. The tree is considered to be a reasonable specimen of the species and having an amenity value. *Gymnopus fusipes* has been noted around the base of the stem but no other diseases or pathogens etc which may have to be considered in conjunction with the presence of the fungi. No additional information has been submitted to indicate the extent of infected roots etc. This disease on its own develops slowly, especially in the early stages and the infection process as a whole can take several decades. Symptoms of an advancing infection are the deterioration of the leafed crown, and this is not present on this tree. Therefore a TPO is being served upon the tree in order to protect it from felling until either the crown shows advancing *Gymnopus fusipes* infection, the infection is demonstrated to be extensive, or a second disease or pathogen is identified which must be considered in conjunction with the *Gymnopus fusipes*.

#### REFUSED DRAWING NUMBERS

2.

<b>Plan Number</b>	<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Received Date</b>
		Site Location Plan	18 October 2022

**Informative(s)**

1. The adjacent council owned trees stand on the disused railway line and are owned and managed in part by Welwyn Hatfield and in part by Hertfordshire County Council. They all stand within the conservation area. Cutting the trees back to the boundary line is undertaken at the agents and applicants' own risk, and under their own duty of care to leave the tree in a safe and reasonable manner to avoid being considered negligent should the tree subsequently fail due to disease, unbalancing etc. Any arisings must be disposed of in an appropriate manner and should not be left on the public land.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Carter', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Chris Carter**  
**Assistant Director (Planning)**

