

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2023/2348/TPO
Location: Perrywood Walden Road Welwyn Garden City AL8 7PZ
Proposal: T1 and T2 - 2 x Hornbeams to fell to ground level as leaning over the footpath and Digswell road (TPO 724 W1)
Officer: Mr James Hare

Recommendation: Granted

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Context	
Site description	Perrywood Walden Road Welwyn Garden City AL8 7PZ
Relevant history	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: N6/1994/0729/TP Decision: Granted Decision Date: 21 November 1994</p> <p>Proposal: Removal of 5 No. Cherry and 2 No. Silver Birch trees and pruning of Oak tree and Hornbeams</p> <p>Application Number: W6/2013/0239/TE Decision: Granted Decision Date: 26 March 2013</p> <p>Proposal: Remove deadwood and epicormic growth from oak and reduce 3 deciduous trees back to hedge height</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2018/1135/TPO Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 03 August 2018</p> <p>Proposal: Fell 1 x Elder tree and 1 x Hornbeam tree and reduce 1 x Hornbeam tree by approx. 3 m covered by TPO 724 (2018)</p>
Main Issues	
Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)	<p>The trees are approximately 14m tall with a radial spread of 4m. They have prominent visibility to the public being located on one of the arterial routes into Welwyn Garden City.</p> <p>Individually, both of the trees have a high amenity value being specimens of good health and vitality. Hornbeam are very typical of the area, being located in the woodlands, in the gardens and on the roadside verges. The trees are part of a small woodland, for which the TPO is placed. These trees contribution to the overall woodland amenity is small.</p> <p>The treeworks detailed in the application are to remove the trees due to the heightened risk that they present due to their lean. While I disagree that lean alone significantly increases the tree risk enough to warrant</p>

	removal, in this case, due to the trees small contribution to the overall amenity of the woodland, removal is acceptable and would not significantly detrimentally affect the amenity of the TPO.
Conclusion	
The treeworks detailed in the application are proportional and would not significantly detrimentally affect the amenity of the Tree Preservation Order. The treeworks should be accepted.	

Conditions:

1. The works hereby approved shall be undertaken in accordance with the British Standard 3998:2010 (Tree Work) and by an appropriately qualified person.

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

DRAWING NUMBERS

2. 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
		Tree Sketch	22 November 2023

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

Determined By:

Mr Oliver Waring
7 February 2024