

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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2024/1535/EMT
Location: 34 Sherrardspark Road Welwyn Garden City AL8 7JS
Proposal: Removal of silver birch tree (T1) due to basal decay
Officer: Ms M Hill

Recommendation: Granted

6/2024/1535/EMT

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| Context | |
| Site and Application description | 34 Sherrardspark Road Welwyn Garden City AL8 7JS Removal of silver birch tree (T1) due to basal decay |
| Constraints | Estate Management Scheme, as defined within the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 |
| Relevant Estate Management history | <p>Application Number: 6/2024/1508/EMT Decision: Decision Date:</p> <p>Proposal: T1 Hornbeam to reduce crown height and spread by 33% including dead/ dying/ crossing wood,</p> <p>T2 Silver Birch to reduce height by 33% leaving framework of branches and remove dead and dying wood,</p> <p>T3 Hornbeam to reduce height and spread by 33% including all crossed, dead and dying wood &</p> <p>T4 & T5 Oaks to reduce spread by 3 to 4 metres and height by 2 metres.</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2024/1540/TC Decision: Decision Date:</p> <p>Proposal: Removal of Silver Birch Tree (T1) due to basal decay</p> <p>Application Number: N6/2012/0173/TE Decision: Granted Decision Date: 12 March 2012</p> <p>Proposal: Reduce Silver Birch tree by 15%, reduce Two Oak trees by upto 5 metres and remove Three branches from Hornbeam tree</p> <p>Application Number: N6/2012/1766/TE Decision: Granted Decision Date: 09 October 2012</p> <p>Proposal: Reduce Hornbeam tree by 30%, reduce two Silver Birch trees by 15% and remove hornbeam and mixed hedging</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2018/0010/TPO Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 08 February 2018</p> <p>Proposal: T1 Hornbeam - Crown reduction back to approximate previous cuts. Crown lift roadside of tree by approximately 1.5m from branch tips to match the garden side of the tree. T2 Hornbeam - Crown reduction by approximately 2m from branch tips in height and spread.</p> <p>T3 and T4 Oaks - Crown reduction of 1-2m from branch tips in height and</p> |

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| | <p>spread</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2020/0597/EM Decision: Granted Decision Date: 24 April 2020</p> <p>Proposal: Reduce 2x Hornbeam tree (T1 and T5) by 33%</p> <p>Reduce 1x Silver birch tree (T4) by 33%</p> <p>Reduce 2x Oak tree (T6 and T7) by 4m in width and 2m in height</p> <p>Remove 1x Oak tree (T3) and replace with new species.</p> <p>Remove 1x Silver birch tree (T2)</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2020/0833/TC Decision: No Objection Decision Date: 24 April 2020</p> <p>Proposal: Reduce 2 x Hornbeam Trees [T1 and T5] by 33%</p> <p>Reduce 1 x Silver birch tree [T4] by 33%</p> <p>Reduce 2 x Oak trees [T6 and T7] by 4m in width and 2m in height</p> <p>Fell 1 x Oak tree [T3] and replace with new species</p> <p>Fell 1 x Silver birch Tree [T2]</p> | | |
| 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>Mature silver birch standing in rear garden.</p> <p>Appears to be in reasonable health and vitality. The tree has multiple leaders from 8m in height due to previous reductions.</p> <p>The decay in the stem has been previously highlighted on other applications over the years. The removal of this tree is reasonable.</p> <p>No replanting is required due to the number of other trees on the property.</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. 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.

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

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3. 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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4. This consent now issued is given by the Council only in accordance with the requirements of the Welwyn Garden City Estate Management Scheme only.

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DRAWING NUMBERS

5. 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 |
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| | | Site Location Plan | 13 August 2024 |
| | | Tree Sketch | 13 August 2024 |

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

Determined By:

Mr Oliver Waring
16 October 2024