

**WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL  
WORKS TO TPO TREES DELEGATED REPORT**

<b>APPLICATION No:</b>	<b><u>N6/2010/921/TP</u></b>
<b>LOCATION:</b>	<b>Land at Broadwater Road, WGC</b>
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	<b><u>Removal of two Poplar trees and Pollard two Willow trees covered by TPO 151 G2</u></b>

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** Removal of two Poplar trees and Pollard two Willow trees covered by TPO 151 G2

**SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES:**

National Policy

East of England Plan 2008

Hertfordshire Structure Plan Review 1991 – 2011  
None

Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005  
GBSP2: Towns and specified settlements  
R17: Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows  
D2: Character and Context  
D8: Landscaping

**PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

None received

**REPRESENTATIONS:**

The application was advertised by means of neighbour notification and no representations were received.

**DISCUSSION:**

**The trees in question are located within a group of mixed species planting to the front of the site, directly adjacent to the property that fronts onto Broadwater Road. Although they are visible from a distance and contribute to the tree'd nature of the site, they are not significant in terms of amenity.**

The poplars are of low quality with deadwood within the crown and are not trees that would be worthy of further protection at this time. There is major disruption to the adjacent parking areas likely caused by the roots of these trees. Due to the condition and age of these trees, there would be no objection to the removal of these trees at this time.

The willow trees are ivy covered and have broken branches within the crown. Their condition is generally poor and they appear to be being swallowed up by nearby vegetation and ivy.

As the site is generally bare it would be beneficial to keep these trees to add maturity to the site and to allow the trees a chance to rejuvenate.

Condition 3 of the approval gives two periods within the year when this work can be carried out. Trees use most of their stored or potential energy to leaf out. This energy is then recouped quickly over the following weeks. Crown reducing a tree immediately before leaf out (when the sap is rising), during leaf out or immediately after leaf out, leaves the tree with little reserves of energy to react to the pruning, both in terms of making more leaves and compartmentalising the wounds. A similar situation occurs in the time before, during and immediately after leaf fall. (Shigo, Modern Arboriculture 1991)

**RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL WITH CONDITIONS**

**CONDITIONS**

- 1 The works hereby approved shall be undertaken within three years of the date of this notice.

REASON: To ensure that works to trees are undertaken within an appropriate time scale, after which time reconsideration of their suitability should take place

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

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

- 3 The works hereby permitted shall only be carried out during winter (November to February, inclusive) or high summer (June to September, inclusive) and at no other time.

REASON: To minimise the impact on the tree.

**REASON FOR APPROVAL:** The proposal has been considered against development plan policies (i.e. National Policy, East of England Plan 2008, Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005, GBSP2, R17, D2, D8, in addition to the Human Rights Act 1998, which indicate that the proposal should be approved. Material planning considerations do not justify a decision contrary to the Development Plan (see Officer's report which can be inspected at these offices).

**DRAWING NUMBERS: Location plan received and dated**

**Author..... Date....09/06/2010.....**