

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
DELEGATED REPORT

APPLICATION No:	N6/2011/136/TC
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NOTATION:

The site lies within Conservation Area as designated in the Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005.

DESCRIPTION OF SITE: 5 Sherrardspark Road, Welwyn Garden City

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Removal of Larch tree located in rear garden.

PLANNING HISTORY:

SUMMARY OF DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES:

National Policy

PPS 5: Planning for the Historic Environment

Hertfordshire Structure Plan Review 1991 – 2011:

None

Welwyn Hatfield District Plan 2005:

GBSP2: Towns and specified settlements

D8 - Landscaping

RA10 – Landscape Character Area and Region

Policy GBSP2 – Towns and Specified Settlements

CONSULTATIONS: None

TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS: None received

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

DISCUSSION:

PPS5 outlines a presumption in favour of the conservation of the historic environment. In this context the proposal should either sustain or where appropriate enhance the historic environment. Policy HE7 of PPS5 outlines that the more significant the element of the historic environment that may be affected by the relevant proposal the greater the presumption in favour of conservation.

The tree in question is a semi-mature larch growing in the rear garden of 5 Sherrardspark Road. The tree is approximately 13m tall and is in poor health and condition. It is growing adjacent to mature oak which appears in much better health and condition.

The applicant wishes to remove the larch because of its poor condition and location.

Given the poor condition of the tree there is no objection to its removal.

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CONCLUSION: The proposed work is considered appropriate due to the structural condition of the tree.

RECOMMENDATION: No Objection.

INFORMATIVES:

DRAWING NUMBERS: Plan provided with application.

Signature of author..... Date; 04/03/2011