

# OFFICERS REPORT

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APPLICATION No. N6/2002/1001/TP

DESCRIPTION: Works to Trees, Covered by TPO 151

LOCATION: 40 Broadwater Road, Welwyn Garden City

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## • THE SITE

The application site is part of the ROCHE complex on the east side of Broadwater Road. The trees that are the subject of this application are part of a group of trees protected by TPO 151 that surround a large parking area.

## • THE PROPOSAL

It is proposed to:

- Pollard 1 willow down to main fork.
- Reduce 2 poplars by 50%
- Reduce 15 Poplars by 50%

## • HISTORY

TPO applications on this site are:

N6/2002/0025/TP - Works to Trees, Covered by TPO 151- withdrawn 25/2/02.

## • REPRESENTATIONS

None

## • DISCUSSION

The application has been delayed due to problems of access for this secure site.

The Councils arborist and the Case Officer jointly visited the site on 11<sup>th</sup> Sept and meet the representative from Roche on site and the tree surgeon to inspect the trees.

These trees are in a highly visible location, and the works that are the subject of this application are in the arborist opinion to stabilise the trees with a view to prolong their life expectancy.

The Willow in the car park is in poor condition having lost a large limb recently. The arborist supports the application to pollard this to bring the tree back into a manageable form and I am of the same opinion.

The two poplars alongside the willow will benefit from a reduction as they are potentially becoming unstable due to their form. This also applies to the 15 poplars in the other corner, and so the arborist and I are of the same opinion that this work is necessary for safety reasons and for the future stability of the tree.

## • RECOMMENDATION

In my opinion I recommend that this application for tree works covered by TPO 151 is **approved** subject to the following conditions:

1. Tree work approved for T1 (Willow) is to pollard down to the main fork.

### REASON

To clarify the terms of this permission and to ensure the future health of the tree.

2. Tree work approved for T2 & T3 (Poplars) & T4-T18 (Poplars) is for a reduction of the *crowns* by 50%

### REASON

To clarify the terms of this permission and because this will allow a good tree shape to be achieved after crowning and ensure the future health of the tree.