

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
DELEGATED REPORT

APPLICATION No:	W6/2013/2477/TC
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NOTATION:

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

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Fell Cherry tree and reduce oak tree by 30%

PLANNING HISTORY:

N6/2010/1057/TE – Reduce two low arms of oak tree overhanging garden of number 4 Woodland Rise by 4m

N6/2010/1062/TC – Reduce two low arms of oak tree overhanging garden of number 4 Woodland Rise by 4m

TOWN/PARISH COUNCIL COMMENTS:

None received

REPRESENTATIONS

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

DISCUSSION:

The consideration is whether or not the trees merit a Tree Preservation Order. Assessment is therefore required of the amenity value of the trees and whether they help to preserve the character or appearance of the conservation area.

The assessment considers the condition of the tree, its retention span, relative public visibility and other factors – such as, but not limited to, whether it is part of a group, has historical importance and, has good form.

Cherry

The trees condition and suitability is considered to be poor with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately less than 10 years. The trees overall size can be classed as medium with clear visibility to the public.

Oak

The trees condition and suitability is considered to be good with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately less than 40-100 years. The trees overall size can be classed as large with some visibility to the public. The works proposed to the oak are considered appropriate given the past management of the tree and will have no overall effect on the amenity value of the tree.

CONCLUSION:

From the above considerations, it is concluded that the trees do not require appropriate for a Tree Preservation Order.

RECOMMENDATION:

No objection.

DRAWING NUMBERS: Plan received and dated 7 November 2013

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Date: 12 December 2013