

**WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL  
DELEGATED REPORT**

<b>APPLICATION No:</b>	<b>N6/2011/2519/TC</b>
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**NOTATION:**

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

**DESCRIPTION OF SITE:** 4 Densley Close, Welwyn Garden City

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL:** Thin one oak tree by 15% located in rear garden and reduce one oak tree by 15% located in front 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

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 one representation was received stating that they rather the tree was removed.

**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 trees in question are located within the curtilage of 4 Densley Close Welwyn Garden City.

The oak within the rear garden is a mature tree approximately 12m tall. The tree appears in good health with normal vigour. The crown of the tree is spreading and

quite dense. The applicant wishes to thin the tree by 15%. This work will reduce the density of the crown whilst maintaining the shape of the tree. The work will have no overall effect on the amenity value of the tree or the surrounding landscape.

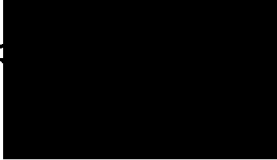
The oak tree within the front garden is mature and approximately 12m tall. The crown is slightly one sided. The applicant wishes to reduce the tree by 15%. This work would reduce the crown of the tree whilst retaining its shape. The work is minimal and would not have any significant affect on the overall amenity value of the tree surrounding landscape.

**CONCLUSION:** The proposed work is considered appropriate.

**RECOMMENDATION:** No Objection.

**INFORMATIVES:**

**DRAWING NUMBERS:** Plan supplied with application date stamped 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011

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