

WELWYN HATFIELD COUNCIL – DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
DELEGATED REPORT

APPLICATION No:	N6/2014/675/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 oak tree to ground level

PLANNING HISTORY:

N/A

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 tree merits a Tree Preservation Order. Assessment is therefore required of the amenity value of the tree and whether it helps 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.

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 large with some visibility to the public.

CONCLUSION:

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

RECOMMENDATION:

No objection.

DRAWING NUMBERS: Plan received and dated 24 March 2014

Signature of author.......... **Date: 29 April 2014**