

**WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - PLANNING, PUBLIC PROTECTION AND GOVERNANCE**

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2018/1655/TPO

Location: 7 Densley Close Welwyn Garden City AL8 7JX

Proposal: Various Tree works - conservation area

T1 - 1 x Oak reduce height by 1.5m

T2 - 1 x Oak reduce height by 1.5m and width by 3m back to boundary

T3 - 1 x Oak to remove epicormic growth

T4 - 1 x Oak to sever lve at base

T5 - 1 x Oak reduce by 1.5m height & width

T6 - 1 x Cherry fell

T7 - 1 x Hornbeam fell

T8 - 1 x Ash fell

T9 - 1 x Cherry fell

T10/11 - 2 x Hornbeams to reduce by 3m

Officer: Mr Oliver Waring

Recommendation: No Objection

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Context	
Relevant planning history	<p>Enforcement:</p> <p>Application Number: 2000/0177 Decision: Pending Proposal: Trees and Hedgerows works to trees</p> <p>Application Number: 2014/0293 Decision: Pending Proposal: Trees and Hedgerows - unauthorised works to Oak tree in CA</p> <p>Planning:</p> <p>Application Number: N6/2009/1857/TP Decision: Granted Decision Date: 30 October 2009 Proposal: Crown lift Hornbeam tree (T10) by 20%, crown lift Oak tree (T11) and thin by 20% and thin two Hornbeam trees (T12 & T13) by 20%</p> <p>Application Number: N6/2013/1549/TP Decision: Granted Decision Date: 11 September 2013 Proposal: Crown thin Oak T6 covered by TPO 437 and Hornbeams T3, T4, T5, T7, T8, T9, T10, T12, T13 by 20%. Crown thin by 15% and remove damaged branch of Oak covered by TPO252</p> <p>Application Number: N6/2014/1773/TP Decision: Granted Decision Date: 14 August 2014 Proposal: Reduce Hornbeam tree by 25%</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2015/1556/TPO Decision: Granted Decision</p>

	<p>Date: 19 November 2015 Proposal: Reduce one hornbeam to 4m and another hornbeam to 5m. Crown reduce 2 hornbeams by 30-40%. Reduce hornbeam in front garden by 40%</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2016/0174/TPO Decision: Granted Decision Date: 23 May 2016 Proposal: Removal of Oak tree - Conservation Area</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2016/1856/TPO Decision: Granted Decision Date: 03 November 2016 Proposal: Fell Oak tree covered by TPO 437 (2009)</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2017/0454/TPO Decision: Granted Decision Date: 14 March 2017 Proposal: Fell Hornbeam tree covered by TPO 252 (2002)</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2018/1548/TPO Decision: Refused Decision Date: 03 August 2018 Proposal: Fell 1 x Oak tree and replace with 1 x Oak tree somewhere else in the garden covered by TPO 738 (2018)</p>
Consultations	
<p>Consultations do not apply to Trees within Conservation Area applications in accordance with the Tree Regulation Order and therefore any response cannot be considered.</p>	
Main Issues	
<p>Whether the tree(s) merit a Tree Preservation Order</p>	<p>An assessment is required of the amenity value of the tree(s) and whether it/they help to preserve the character or appearance of the conservation area.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Oak T1 The trees condition and suitability is considered to be good with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 40-100 years. The trees overall size can be classed as large / large / medium / small / young with clear visibility to the public. Proposed work is considered appropriate.</p> <p>Oak T2 The trees condition and suitability is considered to be good with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 40-100 years. The trees overall size can be classed as large with some visibility to the public. The proposed work is considered appropriate.</p> <p>Oak T3 The trees condition and suitability is considered to be good with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 40-100 years. The trees overall size can be classed as large with some visibility to the public. The proposed work is considered appropriate.</p> <p>Oak T4 The trees condition and suitability is considered to be good with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 40-100 years. The trees overall size can be classed as large with some visibility to the public. The proposed work is considered appropriate.</p>

	<p>Oak T5 The trees condition and suitability is considered to be good with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 40-100 years. The trees overall size can be classed as large with limited visibility to the public. The proposed work is considered appropriate.</p> <p>Cherry T6 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 no visibility to the public. There is no objection to the removal of this tree.</p> <p>Hornbeam T7 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. In light of the poor condition of the tree there is no objection to its removal.</p> <p>Ash T8 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 limited visibility to the public. There is no objection to the removal of this tree.</p> <p>Cherry T9 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 some visibility to the public. There is no objection to the removal of this tree.</p> <p>Hornbeam x2 T0 & T11 The trees condition and suitability is considered to be good with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately 40-100 years. The trees overall size can be classed as medium with some visibility to the public. The proposed work is considered appropriate.</p>
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Conclusion

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

DRAWING NUMBERS

The development/works shall not be started and completed other than in accordance with the approved plans and details:

Plan Number	Revision Number	Details	Received Date
Tree Sketch		Sketch Plan	22 June 2018
Tree Sketch		Sketch Plan	22 June 2018

REASON: To ensure that the development is carried out in accordance with the approved plans and details.

Informatives:

1. The granting of this permission does not convey or imply any consent to build upon or access from any land not within the ownership of the applicant.

Determined By:

Mr Mark Peacock
5 September 2018