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

DELEGATED APPLICATION

Application No: 6/2019/0013/TPO
Location: 38 Barleycroft Road Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JU
Proposal: Reduce 1 x Walnut tree by around 1.5m in height and width - Conservation Area
Officer: Mr Casey Hughes

Recommendation: No Objection

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Context	
Site and Application description	Full description of site, surroundings and application where this requires expanding
Relevant planning history	Planning Application Number: 6/2019/0008/EM Decision: Decision Date: Proposal: Reduce 1 x Walnut tree by around 1.5m in height and width Application Number: N6/2010/0365/TE Decision: Granted Decision Date: 17 May 2010 Proposal: REMOVAL OF SILVER BIRCH TREE LOCATED IN REAR GARDEN TO BE REPLACED WITH YOUNG SILVER BIRCH TREE Application Number: N6/2011/1576/TE Decision: Granted Decision Date: 13 September 2011 Proposal: Crown reduce by 30%, deadwood and thin where necessary 10 Fruit trees. Crown reduce 3 Ash trees by upto 20%. Crown reduce between 10-20% and thin where necesary 7 Silver Birch and 8 Cherry trees. Reduce native hedge by 2ft. Deadwood Scott Pine and Cedar trees. Remove small conifer tree and reduce large conifer tree by 50%. Reduce Yew tree to retain hedge section and trim Box hedges by 2 ft Application Number: W6/2012/1887/TE Decision: Granted Decision Date: 09 October 2012 Proposal: Removal of one Prunus tree, one Golden Thuja, one Apple tree and four Lawson Cypress trees plus crown reduction of two Yew trees to 3ft and crown reduction to 2ft above fence and thinning of Plum tree Application Number: W6/2015/0169/TE Decision: Granted Decision

	Date: 09 April 2015 Proposal: Reduce Walnut tree and Conifer tree crown by 30%
Consultations	
Consultations do not apply to Trees within Conservation Area applications in accordance with the Tree Regulation Order and therefore any response **cannot** be considered.	
Main Issues	
Whether the tree(s) merit a Tree Preservation Order	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. 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 fair with a remaining useful life expectancy of approximately / 40-100 years. The trees overall size can be classed as medium with limited visibility to the public.
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
Sketch Plan		Sketch Plan	3 January 2019

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

Determined By:

Mr Chris Carter
6 February 2019