

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2020/1319/EMT  
**Location:** 5 Sherrardspark Road Welwyn Garden City AL8 7JW  
**Proposal:** Fell row of cypress conifers to rear  
 Fell 1x holly tree  
**Officer:** Ms Emma Griffin

**Recommendation:** Granted

6/2020/1319/EMT

<b>Context</b>			
<b>Site description</b>	5 Sherrardspark Road Welwyn Garden City AL8 7JW		
<b>Constraints</b>	Estate Management Scheme, as defined within the Leasehold Reform Act 1967		
<b>Relevant Estate Management history</b>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2020/1694/EMT      Decision:      Decision Date:          Proposal: Reduction in the height of one tree and the removal of another tree.</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2020/1695/EMT      Decision:      Decision Date:          Proposal: Reduce the height of a hornbeam tree by 2m and remove a cherry tree</p> <p>Application Number: N6/2011/0135/TE      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 08 March 2011          Proposal: Removal of Larch tree located in rear garden</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2018/2520/EM      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 07 December 2018          Proposal: Reduce crown of 1 x Oak tree by 1.5-2m and 5 x Conifer trees forming a large hedge by 2m in height</p>		
<b>Consultations</b>			
<b>Neighbour representations</b>	Support: 1	Object: 0	Other: 0
<b>Summary of neighbour responses</b>	13 Sherrardspark Road      Comment: We have no objections to the removal of the cypress and holly trees. It would enhance the landscape to do so.		

<b>Consultees and responses</b>	The Gardens Trust - Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust, of which HGT is a member.  On the basis of the information in this application we have no objections.
<b>Relevant Policies</b>	Policy EM3 – Soft Landscaping
<b>Main Issues</b>	
<b>Appropriateness of the works in relation to the tree(s)</b>	<p>The conifer hedge is formed from approximately 5 conifers which run along the eastern rear boundary. Permission has previously been sought to reduce the trees by 2m in height. The hedge is approximately 15m in length and 6m in height. The hedge appears in good condition but is not in-keeping with the rest of the area. There are a number of mature native woodland species common in the area and their view is obstructed by this hedge. There is already a fence installed to the side of the hedge, defining the boundary of the property. As a fence is in place, replacement planting has not been conditioned for the hedging but an informative for nesting birds added to advise of nesting season and their legal protection.</p> <p>The Holly is a spindly specimen of poor form. It is growing through the lower crown of an adjacent semi mature tree. The tree is approximately 10m in height and its removal would not negatively affect the character or amenity of the area. Due to the number of adjacent semi mature and mature tree specimens in the area, replacement planting has not been conditioned at this time.</p>
<b>Conclusion</b>	
The work request is appropriate and would not result in the loss of landscaping that would harm the character and amenities of the area.	

**Conditions:**

1. All works carried out in pursuance of this consent shall be and remain part of the Premises and shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the conveyance in all respects as if such works had at all times formed part of the Premises.

REASON: To comply with the requirements of the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 Estate Management Scheme for Welwyn Garden City.

2. This consent or copy hereof shall be annexed to the Conveyance.

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3. There shall be no encroachment over the boundary of the plot either above or below ground level, nor any interference with the foundations of the adjoining property without the agreement of the adjoining owner or lessee.

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4. This consent now issued is given by the Council only in accordance with the requirements of the Management Scheme/Conveyance or Leasehold Covenants.

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5. The works hereby approved shall be undertaken in accordance with the British Standard 3998:2010 (Tree Work) and by an appropriately qualified person.

REASON: To ensure that any works undertaken comply with arboricultural best practice.

#### DRAWING NUMBERS

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

<b>Plan Number</b>	<b>Revision Number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Received Date</b>
	A	Location plan	22 June 2020
		Tree sketch	9 June 2020

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

#### **Informatives:**

1. It is advised that a thorough inspection of the hedge and tree is undertaken before works commence to check for active birds' nests. Nesting birds are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the intentional disturbance and destruction of nests is a criminal offence. Nesting season runs from mid-February to October.

#### **Determined By:**

Mr Gregory Coppenhall  
4 August 2020