

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2020/1409/TC  
**Location:** 6 Densley Close Welwyn Garden City AL8 7JX  
**Proposal:** Fell 1 x Oak tree (T1)  
**Officer:** Mr Gregory Coppenhall

**Recommendation:** No Objection

6/2020/1409/TC

<b>Context</b>	
<b>Site and Application description</b>	6 Densley Close Welwyn Garden City AL8 7JX
<b>Relevant planning history</b>	<p>Planning</p> <p>Application Number: 6/2020/0886/TC      Decision: No Objection  Decision Date: 27 May 2020</p> <p>Proposal: Fell 1 x Oak Tree [T3]</p>
<b>Consultations</b>	
Consultations do not apply to Trees within Conservation Area applications in accordance with the Tree Regulation Order and therefore any response <b>cannot</b> be considered.	
<b>Main Issues</b>	
<b>Whether the tree(s) merit a Tree Preservation Order</b>	<p>The applicant seeks to remove T1 Oak which can be considered a large tree with a long useful life expectancy of over 50 years. However a subsidence issue has occurred and this Oak has been indicated as the cause. Sufficient evidence has been provided to indicate the trees are causing the issue.</p> <p>Evidence supplied includes:</p> <p>Level and crack monitoring – displaying seasonal movement of levels and cracks on the building to show the movement in the cracks and levels is reflective of subsidence caused by vegetation.</p> <p>Arboricultural report – identifying trees causing the issue.</p> <p>Site investigation factual report - inclusive of soil analysis (shear strength, moisture content, shear vane strength etc.), bore pits and root sample analysis.</p> <p>Having reviewed the evidence it appears to be conclusive and indicates that the subsidence is occurring due to the T1 Oak.</p>
<b>Conclusion</b>	
From the above considerations, it is concluded that the tree(s) are not appropriate for a Tree Preservation Order. Estate management area consent is required prior to any works taking place. The estate management application has been submitted, but at this time has not yet run the duration of the consultation period and therefore no decision can be determined on that application at this	

time.

#### DRAWING NUMBERS

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>
Tree Sketch		Tree Sketch	17 June 2020

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

#### **Determined By:**

Ms Emma Griffin  
29 July 2020