

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

**DELEGATED APPLICATION**

**Application No:** 6/2021/2559/TC  
**Location:** 1 Woodside House Bridge Road Welwyn Garden City AL8 6UJ  
**Proposal:** Lift crown of 1 x Oak tree (T1) to 2m covered by conservation area  
**Officer:** Mr Oliver Waring

**Recommendation:** No Objection

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| <b>Context</b>   |  |
| <b>Site</b>  | 1 Woodside House, Bridge Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6UJ   |
| <b>Relevant planning history</b>   | <p>Planning</p> <p><b>Application Number: 6/2015/1907/EM      Decision: Granted      Decision Date: 26 May 2016</b></p> <p><b>Proposal: Fell Willow tree</b></p> <p><b>Application Number: 6/2017/2279/TPO      Decision: No Objection      Decision Date: 16 November 2017</b></p> <p><b>Proposal: 1. Hybrid Poplar T8 - reduce crown south side over adjacent carriageway by approx. 10% and 2. Lombardy Poplar - reduce height of crown by approx. 20% of its current height - Conservation Area</b></p> <p><b>Application Number: 6/2019/1438/TC      Decision: No Objection      Decision Date: 21 June 2019</b></p> <p><b>Proposal: Fell 1x unknown tree (DD)</b></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>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</p> <p>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> |
| <b>Conclusion</b>  |  |

From the above considerations, it is concluded that the tree does not require 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:

| <b>Plan Number</b> | <b>Revision Number</b> | <b>Details</b> | <b>Received Date</b> |
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| RTS002             |                        | Tree Sketch    | 2 September 2021     |

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

#### **Determined By:**

Ms Emma Griffin  
15 October 2021