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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00768/TPO	Scotts Pine -Remove	49 Canonsfield Road Welwyn Hertfordshire AL6 0PY

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

1.1 Policies

Planning Practice Guidance

Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas.

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 Scott's Pine – Remove 2 lower branches overhanging boundary fence – Granted Conditional Consent on 28/07/2017.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None required.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 No. 49 is situated off Canonsfield Road within a predominately residential are of Oaklands. The tree, subject of this application, is covered in Tree Preservation Order 032, which covered the surrounding area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Consent is sought to fell 1x Scotts Pine due to the tree being considered dangerous following damage sustained over winter. The tree has fractured branches and has caused damage to property .

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact the proposed works would have on the appearance of the tree and its wider impact on the character and appearance of the area.

4.3.2 The tree in question is located in the rear garden of the application site although, due to its size, it has some visibility in the street. After investigation by High Elms Tree Surgery, it has been found that the tree split out following snow fall and has subsequently resulted in damage upon a neighbouring conservatory. To make the tree safe, it would require heavy reduction and could result in the death of the tree and therefore the removal of the tree is recommended.

4.3.3 Given the dangerous nature of the tree in question, it is considered appropriate that works are carried out for its removal.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would have an acceptable impact upon the locality.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That Conditional consent be **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:

1. The works shall be undertaken only by a competent and suitably qualified arboricultural contractor or tree surgeon as capable of carrying them out to an acceptable standard.Reason: In order that the works are undertaken by a suitably qualified contractor.

2. The works shall be carried out to conform to British Standard 3998 - Recommendations for Tree Work and in a manner so as to ensure that the natural and aesthetic appearance of the trees are maintained to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.Reason: In order to ensure that the works are undertaken to an acceptable standard which will not harm the health of the tree(s).

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Determining Officer	
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