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CASE OFFICER: ...Kayleigh Abery.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01897/TCA

T1 Yew - Reduce and shape by 1m

23 Walsworth Road

Hitchin

Hertfordshire

SG4 9SP

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 17/01694/1TCA: T1 Ash - fell to ground level. 18.07.2017 – **No objection**

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is located to the rear of 23 Walsworth Road, Hitchin which is visible to the public realm at the entrance to the adjacent Clare Close and is with the Hitchin Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works: .T1 Yew - Reduce and shape by 1m.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are the amenity value of the tree; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The tree is identified on the submitted location plan.

4.3.3 The proposal enables remedial works to be undertaken to the tree, which is considered reasonable and would help secure its longer-term management.

4.3.4 There is no threat to the tree, therefore I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in the loss of the tree. It is therefore considered that the works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the trees, nor to the character and appearance of the Hitchin Conservation Area that would outweigh the justification for the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

Signed  Thomas Howe	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 14 August 2026	

