

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00627/TPO	A1: Cedar - Reduce lateral limbs by up to 1m to viable growth points.	Cedar Tree Cottage Offley Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 2AZ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 24/01215/TPO - A1 Cedar - Thin canopy by approximately 20%

Conditional Consent

14/01305/1TPO - Reduce and reshape overall by branch tip reduction by approx 2m over the entire crown 1 Cedar Tree.

Conditional Consent

10/01169/1TPO - Reduce and reshape entire crown by branch tip reduction of approximately 2m

Conditional Consent

04/00793/1TPO - Removal of four branches (numbered 3, 4, 5 and 6 on submitted photographs) and minor pruning of selected lower branches of two branches (numbered 1 and 2 on the submitted photographs).

Consent

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/a

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The tree subject to the application is located in the rear garden of Cedar Tree Cottage, Offley Road, Hitchin. TPO number TPO/138

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 A1: Cedar - Reduce lateral limbs by up to 1m to viable growth points.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues relevant to this proposal are the appropriateness of the works given that the tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The proposed works will reduce the lateral branches of the tree by an acceptable amount and are of an appropriate scale.

4.3.3 The proposed works are considered acceptable because they will reduce the tree's overall breadth whilst continuing to maintain and preserve the protected tree.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works are acceptable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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 Date: 11 April 2025	