

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...William Thompson.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00643/TPO

T1: Maple - Reduce by 20%

3 The Finches

Hitchin

Hertfordshire

SG4 9PB

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 25/00854/TPO - 3x Silver Birch, Field Maple, - Thin and prune by approx 1/3

Pending Consideration

20/00982/TCA - T2 Horse Chesnut - Reduce by 20/30%. T3 Norway Maple - Reduce by 20%

No Objection

20/00973/TPO - T1 Field Maple - Reduce by 20%. T4 3x Silver Birches - Reduce by 20%

Conditional Consent

16/02743/1TPO - Reduce 1 Field Maple tree (3) by 1.5-2 metres

No Objection

13/02752/1TPO - Reduce Fieldmaple tree (T1); by approx 25%

Conditional Consent

12/00089/1TPO - Reduce by 30% due to excessive shading 3 number Silver Birch trees in front garden (T1; T2 and T3 on plan)

Conditional Consent

09/00274/1TPO - Reduction by 30% and lifting lower canopy by 4 metres of 2 Maple trees (T1 and T2 on accompanying plan)

Conditional Consent

01/00919/1TPO - Pruning of 3 Silver Birch trees and removal of Leylandii tree

Granted

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 to the rear of 3 The Finches, Hitchin. This group TPO extends to a variety of trees in the area. TPO number TPO/013

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Maple - Reduce by 20%.

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 height 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 height 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).

Signed  Andrew Hunter	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 11 April 2025	