

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Thomas Howe.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01247/TPO	T6 Norway Maple - Crown reduction by removing 2.0 to 3.0m growth in height and spread pruning back to suitable growth points to leave a balanced crown.	Land At 3 To 41 Harrison Court Harrison Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9SG

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan and photos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

- 2.1 20/02763/TCA - T1 Beech - Crown reduce by 10%. T3 Cherry - Crown reduce by 25%. T4, T5 Malus - Crown reduce by 30%. T6 Rowan - Reduce by 20%. T7 Acacia - Crown reduce by 20%. T8 Holly - Reduce height by 2m and trim. T10 Cherry – Remove – No Objection

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 None.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1.1 The application site comprises land at Land At 3 To 41 Harrison Court, Harrison Close in Hitchin. The site is within the Hitchin Conservation Area. The tree is part of a group under reference TPO/069.

4.2 Proposal

- 4.2.1 T6 Norway Maple - Crown reduction by removing 2.0 to 3.0m growth in height and spread pruning back to suitable growth points to leave a balanced crown.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works given that the tree is protected by a Tree Protection Order.

4.3.2 The proposed works to the tree are remedial and would not result in the loss of the tree. They would not harm the significance of the tree or its setting and as such, I have no objection to the proposed work that seeks to maintain the trees health whilst providing an acceptable standard of amenity to the occupiers. In my opinion, the scale of the proposed works is acceptable in maintaining the trees.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 In this instance, due to the above I find no objection to the works that have been proposed here.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None.

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That 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).

Signed	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council
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 Melissa Tyler	Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 25 July 2024	