

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01113/TPO	T1: Horse Chestnut - Reduce by 4-5m to balance crown. T2: Sycamore - Reduce unbalanced lateral branch growing over garden by 3m to nearest suitable growth point. Remove major deadwood. T3: Sycamore - Remove major deadwood	19 Baldock Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5AY

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

1.0 **Planning Practice Guidance**

1.1 Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas 2014

1.2 Hertfordshire County Council Tree and Woodland Strategy 2022–2030

1.3 North Hertfordshire Council Tree Strategy 2017

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 Full case history on file.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is located on the north side of Baldock Street and comprises a listed building with rear garden space. Tree Preservation Order (TPO/025) is a group TPO relating to Urban District Council of Royston (Kneesworth Street/Green Drift, Royston) 1973 and was confirmed on 23/10/1973.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Horse Chestnut - Reduce by 4-5m to balance crown.
T2: Sycamore - Reduce unbalanced lateral branch growing over garden by 3m to nearest suitable growth point. Remove major deadwood.
T3: Sycamore - Remove major deadwood

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works in relation to the Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The trees are identified on the submitted plan and are located along the western boundary adjoining the neighbouring property no. 19A Baldock Street. Following a site inspection, all three trees were found to be mature and visually healthy. Given that T1 is located in close proximity to the dwelling, together with the extent to which all three trees overhang the boundary, the proposed works are considered reasonable and acceptable. Such works are not anticipated to result in any significant impact to the amenity value of the trees or adversely affect the wider Tree Preservation Order to any material degree.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 I am satisfied that the proposed works are remedial and that there is a clear and justified reason for the proposed works to be granted.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That permission be **GRANTED** for the proposed works subject to 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  Ben Glover	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 20 May 2026	