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CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/02402/TPO	T1,T2: Common Beech - Remove major deadwood from throughout the crowns, targeting branches considered to present a foreseeable risk to the surrounding areas. T3: Common Beech - Selectively reduce the end weight of the two large boughs extending over the neighbouring property by up to 5m, pruning back to suitable growth points to reduce leverage and the likelihood of further limb failure whilst retaining a balanced and functional crown. T4: Elm - Crown lift the branches extending over the flower bed to achieve approximately 4m clearance from ground level, retaining suitable growth points and an appropriate crown structure.	3 Echo Hill Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9BB

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

- 2.1 25/00092/TPO - T1: Beech - Lifting of the crown by reduction of 4 horizontal reaching side branches. 1 side branch at approx. 6m above the ground. 1 side branch at approx. 6.5 m above the ground. 2 side branches at approx. 7 m above the ground. T2: Beech - Lifting of the crown by reduction of 2 side branches located at approx. 4.5 m above ground on the main trunk.

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 N/A.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1.1 The site consists of a detached dwelling on the north-east side of Echo Hill within a residential part of Royston. The site backs on to group TPO/007.

4.2 Proposal

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- ☐ T3: Common Beech - Selectively reduce the end weight of the two large boughs extending over the neighbouring property by up to 5m, pruning back to suitable growth points to reduce leverage and the likelihood of further limb failure whilst retaining a balanced and functional crown.
- ☐ T4: Elm - Crown lift the branches extending over the flower bed to achieve approximately 4m clearance from ground level, retaining suitable growth points and an appropriate crown structure.

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.
- ☐ The trees are located in the rear garden with limited visibility from the public realm.

- ☐ The proposed works to the trees are remedial and would not harm the significance or the health of the trees. The proposed scale of the works would be appropriate 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  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 13 October 2026	