

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Alex Howard.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02761/TPO

T1: Beech - Reduce overall crown by
25%

173 Weston Way
Baldock
Hertfordshire
SG7 6JG

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

- 2.1 **12/00176/1TPO** - Overall crown reduce Beech tree by 20% and selective branches on the property side to be reduced up to 25% to rebalance crown. Remove dead wood. (As amended by email received 12th March 2012).

Conditional Consent

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site is a property on Weston Way, Baldock. The large tree in the front garden is covered by a TPO (Ref number: TPO/181).

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 T1: Beech - Reduce overall crown by 25%.

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works given that one of the trees is protected by a specific Preservation Order.

- 4.3.2 The application form states the following rationale for the proposed works:

"T1 - BEECH - reduce overall crown by 25% - general maintenance."

- 4.3.3 The proposed 25% reduction of the Beech tree is considered to be general maintenance and follows on from previous maintenance works approved in 2012. This will ensure the tree retains its health whilst ensuring a suitable standard of amenity, which is considered acceptable.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 I can see no objections to the proposed works and have framed a favourable recommendation accordingly.

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  Ben Glover	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 25 November 2025	