

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02851/TPO

T2: Yew - Reduce by 2.5m

8 Ransom Close

Hitchin

Hertfordshire

SG4 9AX

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 Various relevant to the management of the yew tree.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/a.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 No 8 is located on the east side of Ransom Close. The yew tree is located in the front garden, near to the house. The yew tree is covered by a TPO (Ref: TPO 001).

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Consent is sought for:

"T2: Yew - Reduce by 2.5m."

4.2.2 The applicant states that the work is required to keep the tree to a controllable size for its location.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues relevant to the proposal are the appropriateness of the works given that the tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The proposed works are modest and required as general maintenance of the tree. The remedial works will ensure the tree retains its health whilst maintaining a suitable standard of amenity. The works are acceptable.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 No objection.

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	