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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01513/TCA	T1 Purple plum - Crown reduce by 20 % (approx. 1.5m in height and 1.5m in lateral growth). Crown lift to provide 4m clearance from ground level to clear the highway.	4 The Green Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7AA

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

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 Relevant Site History

- 2.1 None.

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1.1 No.4 The Green is located at the junction with Dog Kennel Lane and Lower King Street. The area is largely covered by a TPO with the exception of the northern tip of The Green which includes the application site which is in the Royston Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works: crown reduce by 20% (approx. 1.5m in height and 1.5m in lateral growth) and crown lift to provide 4m clearance from ground level to clear the highway of a Purple Plum tree T1.

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are; the amenity value of the tree; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.
- 4.3.2 The tree is identified as T1 on the submitted location plan and lies to the front boundary with The Green. The tree is a mature, attractive specimen with good crown shape and appears visually healthy. The value the tree makes in terms of its contribution to public amenity value as well as to the character and appearance of the Royston Conservation Area is significant. It is clear from the photograph submitted with the application that the tree would benefit from a crown reduction and lift. Notwithstanding this, the works to the tree is considered justified in order to maintain its longer-term management and the continued contribution the tree makes to the character and appearance of the Royston Conservation Area. There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the tree and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works to the tree would not harm its amenity value to a significant degree. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Royston Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

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