

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

CONSENT FOR TREE WORK

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PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT

Application: 25/00046/TPO

TPO Reference: 19

Proposal: T7: Sycamore - Pollard back to previous pruning points (4m).
T8: Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 2-3m back to previous pruning points and thin. Cornice - Remove to ground level.
T6: Crown reduce by 1.5m. T4: Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 2m.
T2: Cherry - Crown reduce by 2m and remove all major deadwood. T1: Contonaster - Reduce by 4m in height and re shape, Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 2m height and 2-3m width and thin canopy (as amended by plan received on 27/01/2025).

Location: 5 Downlands, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 5BY

Plan Nos: Location plan Location plan

PARTICULARS OF DECISION

In pursuance of its powers under the above-mentioned Act, Regulations and Tree Preservation Order, the North Hertfordshire District Council, HEREBY CONSENT to T7: Sycamore - Pollard back to previous pruning points (4m). T8: Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 2-3m back to previous pruning points and thin. Cornice - Remove to ground level. T6: Crown reduce by 1.5m. T4: Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 2m. T2: Cherry - Crown reduce by 2m and remove all major deadwood. T1: Contoniaster - Reduce by 4m in height and re shape, Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 2m height and 2-3m width and thin canopy (as amended by plan received on 27/01/2025). as specified in the application received by the Council on the 7 January 2025 subject to the following conditions:

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).

Informatives:

1. The season for nesting birds is 1st March to 31st August, please ensure between these dates the trees are checked for any nests or other wildlife prior to undertaking the works. Under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, all birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law and it is an offence, within certain exceptions, to: intentionally destroy a wild bird's nest while it is being used or built. There are other exemptions, this one being the most likely situation relevant to this case. For further details please refer to the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wild-birds-protection-surveys-and-licences>

2. You are also advised that where tree works are to be undertaken it is the legal responsibility of the contractor to check for bats. If bats are found during the course of any work to trees where not previously anticipated, then works should immediately stop and Natural England notified for appropriate advice. For further details please refer to the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bats-protection-surveys-and-licences>

In an effort to combat climate change, North Hertfordshire Council advises that a native tree be planted within the rear garden of the property following removal of the Cornice tree. Please make sure you are familiar with the planting season which runs from 1st November until 31st March, this will give the tree the best chance of survival.

Signed:



Shaun Greaves
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NOTES

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