

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/00137/TPO

T1: Hollyoak - Repollard to previous
pollard points. T2: Yew - Remove to
ground level

18 Melbourn Street
Royston
Hertfordshire
SG8 7BZ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 21/01068/TPO - T1 Lime - Reduction from 30% to 50% overhanging gardens. T2, T3 Sycamore - Remove.

2.2 20/02423/TPO - Reduction of branches to two Sycamore (T1 & T2) and one Lime tree (T3), overhanging the boundary to 31, 32 & 33 Dog Kennel Lane, by a maximum of 30%.

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, grade II listed dwelling on the north side of Melbourn Street within a residential part of Royston. The site is covered by the Royston Conservation Area and group TPO/026.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Hollyoak - Repollard to previous pollard points.
T2: Yew - Remove to ground level

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 T1 are remedial and would not harm the significance or the health of the tree. The proposed scale of the works would be appropriate in maintaining the trees.
- The application form states that T2 has outgrown its position within a residential garden and is causing harm to the dwelling. Whilst no structural reports have been submitted, given its proximity to the dwelling and large size, I am minded to agree with the agent that a crown reduction may no longer be viable as a management solution.

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: 3 February 2026	