

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Melissa Tyler.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02339/TCA	T5: Holly - Remove. T6: Yew - Lightly prune and re shape	62 Fishponds Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1NS

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

2.1 **17/02803/1TCA** T1 Yew - Crown reduce by 40% and lift over passageway by 2.5 metres. T2 Holly - Reduce to match height of T1 and trim sides to shape T3 Dogwood - Crown reduce by 25%. T4 Cherry - Crown reduce by 25-30% **No objection**

3.0 Representations

3.1 None

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

Residential property in the Hitchin Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 Remove an overgrown self seeded Holly Tree that is crowding out an adjacent Yew Tree because their trunks are too close (2.3m trunk c/s). Holly has 2 trunks, the larger is 180mm dia at waist height. To then lightly prune and re shape the Yew

4.3 Key Issues

4.3.1 If the work is considered inappropriate is the tree worthy of the further protection afforded by a TPO.

4.3.2 Assessment – the trees are in a rear garden location which sides on to Bearton Avenue. They make a visual contribution to the visual amenity of the area but are not of any significant public amenity value or such a fine specimen as to warrant the making of a specific TPO.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 In this instance no objections raised as the trees are not worthy of further protection in my view.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

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