

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...William Thompson.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/01645/TPO

Conifer - Fell

48 The Bury

Bury Lane

Codicote

Hitchin

Hertfordshire

SG4 8GG

Submitted Plan Nos

Location Plan

1.0 Policies

Template Report TPO

Uniform:

- ☐ Tick off plans
- ☐ Recommendation – CCON – conditional consent
- ☐ Conditions – C78 – arboriculturist
- ☐ C80 – British Standard
- ☐ P01

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 None relevant

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/a

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The tree subject to the application is located beside 48 The Bury, Bury Lane, Codicote. This group TPO extends to a variety of trees in the area. TPO number TPO/018.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Conifer - Fell

4.3 **Key Issues**

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

4.3.2 The proposed works are to fell the tree due to concerns over structural damage and safety.

4.3.3 The proposed works are considered acceptable because the tree has outgrown its location and is very close to property with potential weak stem unions within the crown. Surgery works to relieve weight stress on unions would leave tree unbalanced, which may be regarded as dangerous given the proximity of the tree to the property.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works are acceptable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed works.

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).

3. The Conifer tree when felled shall be replaced with a suitable native tree with a girth size of 8-10cm as agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The replacement tree shall be planted in the rear garden of the property within the first available planting season (1st October until 31st March) following the felling unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

In the event of the replacement tree failing to become established or dying within two years of planting, another tree of the same species and planting size shall be planted in its place in the first available planting season unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To safeguard and enhance the appearance of the Group Tree Preservation Order.

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