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CASE OFFICER: …Melissa Tyler……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00934/TPO	T1 Yew - Crown thin by up to 30%. Reduce back lateral branches by 30%	21 King James Way Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7EF

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 None

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 21 King James Way is located within a blanket tree preservation order (TPO/026)

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Consent is sought for the crown thinning by up to 30% and reduce back lateral branches by 30% of one Yew tree (T1)

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The Yew tree is located in a prominent position within the rear garden of No. 21 as it faces the highway. The tree appears to be in good condition and form. The tree is however quite large. The tree would therefore benefit from some pruning in order to prevent it overgrowing the site and impacting on surrounding structures.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 I consider that the works will not affect the character of the site or the visual amenities of area and are suitable to maintain the long term existence and appearance of the tree.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 Consent to works 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).

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