

## **NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

### **CONSENT FOR TREE WORK**

**Correspondence Address:**

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**Applicant:**

Mr Austin Craig

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#### **PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT**

**Application:** 26/01909/TPO

**TPO Reference:** 2

**Proposal:** T1: Redwood - Remove dead branches low in crown. T2: Turkish Hazel (amended) - crown lift by 4m. T3, T4: Conifer - face up as hard as possible whilst retaining the greenery, whole height. T5: Silver Birch - Crown reduce by 3m. T6: Laurel - Reduce height by 2m. T7: Holly - Cut back from building by 1m. T8: Oak - Cut back from building by 1m. T9: Hornbeam - Crown lift by 2m. T10: Sycamore - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T11: Conifer - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T12: Hornbeam - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T13: Sycamore - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T14: Sycamore - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T15: Yew - crown lift by 4m over development side. T16: Oak - crown lift by 4m over development side. T17: Yew - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T18: Holly - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T19: Yew - Crown lift by 4m over development side.  
G1: Conifers and Sycamores - Crown lift by 3m whole length

**Location:** 16 - 32 Tudor Court, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 2BE

**Plan Nos:** Location plan

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## **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 T1: Redwood - Remove dead branches low in crown. T2: Turkish Hazel (amended) - crown lift by 4m. T3, T4: Conifer - face up as hard as possible whilst retaining the greenery, whole height. T5: Silver Birch - Crown reduce by 3m. T6: Laurel - Reduce height by 2m. T7: Holly - Cut back from building by 1m. T8: Oak - Cut back from building by 1m. T9: Hornbeam - Crown lift by 2m. T10: Sycamore - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T11: Conifer - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T12: Hornbeam - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T13: Sycamore - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T14: Sycamore - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T15: Yew - crown lift by 4m over development side. T16: Oak - crown lift by 4m over development side. T17: Yew - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T18: Holly - Crown lift by 4m over development side. T19: Yew - Crown lift by 4m over development side.

G1: Conifers and Sycamores - Crown lift by 3m whole length as specified in the application received by the Council on the 31 July 2026 subject to the following conditions:

1. Pruning works to T5 Birch shall not exceed the most recent previous reduction points.

Reason: In order to ensure the works are not detrimental to the long-term health of the tree.

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 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.

**The tree works referred to above should be completed within 2 years from the date of this decision notice.**

**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>

Signed:



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## **NOTES**

- 1 If you are aggrieved by this decision, you may appeal to the Planning Inspectorate at Suite C, 4th Floor, Spectrum Building, Bond Street, Bristol, BS1 3LG (telephone number: 0117 372 8192 and email: [environment.appeals@planningportal.gov.uk](mailto:environment.appeals@planningportal.gov.uk)) by notice on a form available from that office within 28 days from the receipt of notification of this decision or in exceptional circumstances, such longer period as the Secretary of State may agree.