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CASE OFFICER: …Naomi Reynard……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00098/TCA	Beech (T63) - Fell	The Elms The Causeway Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9PP

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

See Uniform

3.0 Representations

No consultation

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

The tree is in the rear garden of The Elms. It is one of a row of mature trees along the boundary.

4.2 Proposal

Fell one Beech Tree (T63)

4.3 Key Issues

The key issue for consideration is whether the tree to be felled is worthy of protection by a Tree Preservation Order. The tree has some public amenity value as it is visible from public

views. The reason for the removal of the tree is its proximity to the new building. The application is accompanied by a supporting statement, which includes comments from a tree surgeon, and a supporting letter from St Albans Tree and Garden Services – please see Anite. In my view it is a shame that the tree is to be removed as it has some public amenity value. However, having read the supporting information submitted from tree specialists (particularly the safety concerns) and given that the tree is one of a row of trees and the others would be retained, in my view the tree is not worthy of protection by a Tree Preservation Order and therefore no objections can be raised to its removal.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 No objections to removal of 1 Beech Tree (T63) in a Conservation Area.