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Date: 17 July 2025

Dear Sir / Madam,

T1 - PINE, sever Ivy. T2 - YEW, sever Ivy at base. T3 - YEW, sever Ivy at base, prune to clear building by 1m. T4 - SYCAMORE, remove deadwood. T5 - YEW, prune as required to clear telephone lines. T6 - BEECH, reduce overall crown close to previous reduction points. T7 - YEW, prune to clear telegraph and lines by 0.5m. T8 - NORWAY MAPLE, reduce overall crown close to previous pruning points. T9 - BEECH, reduce overall crown close to previous reduction points. T10 - LIME, sever Ivy, reduce to previous pruning points. T11- BEECH, reduce overall crown close to previous points. T12 - ACACIA, remove deadwood. T13 - CHERRY, reduce lateral spread over lawn by 2m, remove deadwood and hanging limb. T14 - SILVER BIRCH, sever Ivy and clear vine and deadwood from crown. T15 - PINE, shorten lateral spread by 2.5m, prune to remove deadwood. T16 - PINE, selectively prune to reduce lateral spread by 2 m and remove deadwood. T17 - MULBERRY, remove dead limb. T18 - MALUS, remove suckers. T19 - BEECH, raise crown to 4.5m. T20 - BEECH, raise crown to 4.5m. T21 - SYCAMORE, prune to clear lamp column. T22 - BEECH, weight reduction by 1.5 - 2m in upper crown to ease pressure on fork. T23 - ELM, remove deadwood. T24 - BEECH, remove deadwood. T25 - PINE, prune to remove deadwood and branch stubs. T26 - BEECH, remove branch stub. T27 - BEECH, remove deadwood. T28 - SYCAMORE, remove basal shoots, deadwood and shorten lateral by 2.5/3m to match upper crown. T29 - OAK, reduce overall crown by 3m to remove deadwood. T30 - SYCAMORE, remove dead and damaged limbs. T31 - SYCAMORE, remove basal shoots and deadwood. T32 - BEECH, reduce in height to 2.5/3m and maintain as hedgerow. T33 - HOLLY, sever Ivy and raise crown to clear fence. T34 - SYCAMORE, remove. T35 - ASH, remove. T36 - ASH, remove. T37 - HOLLY, remove. T38 - ELM, sever Ivy. T39 - ASH, shorten limb by 2.5/3m. T40 - SYCAMORE GROUP, sever Ivy. T41 - SYCAMORE, sever Ivy, raise crown to 3m.
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Please quote the following reference: 25/01242/TCA on all correspondence.

I refer to your letter and enclosed plan of 9 May 2025 giving notification and details of work specified above, to trees within the Conservation Area.

I can confirm that North Hertfordshire District Council has no objection to this work. The requirements of Section 211 of The 1990 Town and Country Planning Act have therefore been met and you may proceed with the work at your earliest convenience.

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>

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>

The work referred to above should be completed within 2 years from the date of this letter. If it is not, and you still wish to carry it out, you will need to re-notify the Council of your intention to carry out the works.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S Greaves', written in a cursive style.

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