

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01242/TCA	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	Hitchin Girls School Highbury Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RS

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.

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch plan

1.0 Policies

1.1 Planning Practice Guidance

Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas

2.0 Site History

2.1 Various application for tree works, full details on case file.

3.0 Representations

3.1 None

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

4.1.1 Hitchin Girls School is within the Hitchin Conservation Area where works to tree require consent.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought for

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- ☐ 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.
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- ☐ T13 - CHERRY, reduce lateral spread over lawn by 2m, remove deadwood and hanging limb.
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- ☐ 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.
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- ☐ T27 - BEECH, remove deadwood.
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- ☐ 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.
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② T41 - SYCAMORE, sever Ivy, raise crown to 3m.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.3.2 All of the trees in the grounds are considered to offer both public and private amenity value and are important to the character and appearance of the area. Notwithstanding this, the works to the trees are considered justified in order to maintain their longer-term management and the continued contribution they make to the character and appearance of the Hitchin Conservation Area. The remaining trees are not considered to be under any threat and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character or appearance of the Conservation Area.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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