

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02128/TPO	T1, T2 Horse Chestnuts - Reduce back to previous pruning points, approx 1.5m. Remove epicormic growth.	5 Standhill Close Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9BW

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch location plan

1.0 Policies

1.0 **Planning Practice Guidance**

1.1 Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas 2014

1.2 Hertfordshire County Council Tree and Woodland Strategy 2022–2030

1.3 North Hertfordshire Council Tree Strategy 2017

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 18/02788/TPO - T1, T2 Horse Chestnut - Reduce back to previous points by approx 1.5m. Conditional Consent.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The trees are located to the southern and western borders of the application site and are identified as T1 and T2 on the submitted site plan. Both trees are included in TPO/044 North Hertfordshire District Council (Standhill Close, Hitchin) 1980) confirmed on 12/12/1980.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works: T1, T2 Horse Chestnuts - reduce back to previous pruning points, approx 1.5m and remove epicormic growth.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works in relation to the Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 Previous works have been undertaken to the trees as granted under 18/02788/TPO. The application has been submitted in order to carry out works which are considered necessary in order to control the growth and crown spread of the trees together with the removal of dead wood. Given the proximity of the trees to the dwelling and neighbouring dwellings, the proposed works would seek to maintain the longer-term management and continued contribution they make towards amenity value.

4.4 **Conclusion**

I am satisfied that the proposed works are justified and acceptable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

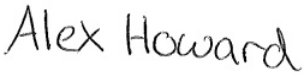
5.1 That permission be **GRANTED** for the proposed works subject to conditions:

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).

Signed  Alex Howard Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 4 October 2024	