

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01903/TPO	Beech - Branches cut back by approx 15%	5 Layston Park Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9DS

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

2.1 23/00914/TPO - G1 7 x Beech - Overall crown reduction of 4-5m.

2.2 91/00828/1TPO - Removal of four boughs from the Beech tree.

3.0 Representations

3.1 None.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

4.1.1 The application site comprises a detached two storey dwelling on the north- east side of Layston in a residential part of Royston. The trees are covered by group TPO/07. The tree that is the subject of this application is located in the rear garden with limited visibility from the public realm.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 Beech - Branches cut back by approx 15%

4.3 Key Issues

4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works given that the tree is protected by a Tree Protection Order.

4.3.2 The proposed works to the beech tree are remedial and would not result in the loss of the trees. They would not harm the significance of the tree or its setting and as such, I have no objection to the proposed work that seeks to maintain the trees health whilst providing an acceptable standard of amenity to the occupiers. In my opinion, the scale of the proposed works is acceptable in maintaining the trees to a suitable standard. The tree has also grown back successfully from previous works in the past.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 In this instance, due to the above I find no objection to the works that have been proposed here.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None.

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That consent be **GRANTED** subject to the following 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  Melissa Tyler	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 20 September 2024	