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CASE OFFICER: ...Thomas Howe.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01393/TPO	T1: Lime - 25 % thin to the overall canopy and 2m reduction	8 The Aspens Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9NB

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

- 2.1 16/01554/1TPO - Reduce height of canopy by approximately 20% to one Lime tree – Conditional Consent

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site comprises the garden area of No. 8 The Aspens, a residential dwelling in Hitchin. The tree is covered by TPO/178.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 T1: Lime - 25 % thin to the overall canopy and 2m reduction

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 tree are remedial and would not result in the loss of the tree. The works 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 tree's 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.

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 <i>Alex Howard</i> Alex Howard Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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