

## DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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| APPLICATION<br>REFERENCE | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF<br>DEVELOPMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | APPLICATION SITE                                                          |
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| 24/02666/TPO             | G1 Pine, G2 Pine, G3 Pine, G4 Pine, G5 Pine, G6 Pine, T7 Blue Cedar - Max 30% reduction of over-extended lateral branches back to suitable side-growth. Remove dead wood. Resolve chafing branches. Remove existing branch stubs back to branch collars. G6: Pine -Add bracing to support extended lateral branch, if still required following reduction. | The Cedars<br>Back Lane<br>Preston<br>Hitchin<br>Hertfordshire<br>SG4 7UJ |

### **Submitted Plan Nos**

Location plan

## 2.0 **Site History**

2.1 None relevant

## 3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/a

## 4.0 **Planning Considerations**

### 4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The trees subject to the application are located around the parking court for The Cedars, Back Lane, Hitchin. This group TPO extends to a variety of trees in the area. TPO number TPO/144

### 4.2 **Proposal**

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### 4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues relevant to this proposal are the appropriateness of the works given that the trees are protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The proposed works will reduce the lateral branches of the trees by an acceptable amount and are of an appropriate scale.

4.3.3 The proposed works are considered acceptable because they will reduce the trees' overall breadth whilst continuing to maintain and preserve the protected trees.

### 4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works are acceptable.

## 5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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).

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