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Dear Sir,

T01: Cherry - Crown lift of lowest branches overhanging the footpath and road along with a light re-shape of crown., T04: Tamarisk - Thin out multi-stems to allow more light into the area. T05: Mulberry - Reshape of the crown and remove dead limbs at top. T06: Hawthorn - Remove largest limb towards the house and lightly prune to rebalance. T07: Apple - Remove the low limbs over the driveway entrance. T08: Silver Birch - Crown lift and re-shape from over the entrance driveway, road and footpath, T09: Blackthorn - Remove front two minor stems along with crossing limbs at 3-4m to create air within the crown. T10: Forsythia - Light prune of the top growth and re-shape. T13: Willow - Light re-shape of the top of the crown. T14: Hazel - Removal of limbs rubbing on the fence from the neighbours tree. T17: Plum leaf Crabapple - Crown reduction to 4m and prune back largest stem, T20: Common Dogwood - Dismantle of tree as severely rubbing on wall. T23: Common Dogwood - Thin out number of stems., T24: Spindle - Cut back low limbs from rubbing on the wall. T26: Juneberry - Reshape by cutting back the outer stems., T28: Berberis - Trim back away from the neighbouring lilac and thin.
Land At Alms Houses, Wratten Road East, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 2AS

Please quote the following reference: 25/01260/TCA on all correspondence.

I refer to your letter and enclosed plan of 12 May 2025 giving notification and details of work specified above, to trees within the Conservation Area.

I can confirm that North Hertfordshire District Council has no objection to this work. The requirements of Section 211 of The 1990 Town and Country Planning Act have therefore been met and you may proceed with the work at your earliest convenience.

The season for nesting birds is 1st March to 31st August, please ensure between these dates the trees are checked for any nests or other wildlife prior to undertaking the works. Under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, all birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law and it is an offence, within certain exceptions, to: intentionally destroy a wild bird's nest while it is being used or built. There are other exemptions, this one being the most likely situation relevant to this case. For further details please refer to the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wild-birds-protection-surveys-and-licences>

You are also advised that where tree works are to be undertaken it is the legal responsibility of the contractor to check for bats. If bats are found during the course of any work to trees where not previously anticipated, then works should immediately stop and Natural England notified for appropriate advice. For further details please refer to the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bats-protection-surveys-and-licences>

The work referred to above should be completed within 2 years from the date of this letter. If it is not, and you still wish to carry it out, you will need to re-notify the Council of your intention to carry out the works.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Greaves', written in a cursive style.

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