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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/01232/TCA

T3: Elm - Remove deadwood and reduce
crown by 20%

111 Walsworth Road
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 9SP

Submitted Plan Nos

sketch plan Photo

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 Various applications for tree works on site, full history on case file.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site comprises of an 'L' shaped plot with its frontage on Walsworth Road and the remaining land extending in an easterly direction between the rear of the Baptist Church and 55 Highbury Lane where the Elm tree is positioned and is within the Hitchin Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

4.2.2 T3: Elm - Remove deadwood and reduce crown by 20%.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are; the amenity value of the tree; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The tree is identified on the submitted plan as T3 and the application is accompanied by photographs in support of the works.

4.3.3 From the submitted details there is visual evidence of the presence of deadwood within the canopy of the tree. The removal of this, together with a reduction to the crown would appear reasonable and justified and would ensure the longer-term management of the tree.

4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the tree and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would be remedial and would not result in the loss of the tree. It is therefore considered that the proposed works would not result in any unacceptable

harm to the amenity value of the tree or to the character and appearance of the Hitchin Conservation Area

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Andrew Hunter	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 5 June 2025	