

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02680/TPO

T1: Giant sequoia - Reduce weight by thinning and tip reduction, remove is necessary. Crown lift lower branches away from neighbouring property and above carport. Thin by 15%

63a Benslow Lane
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 9QZ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

- 2.1 22/02999/TPO Sequioa - Remove hazard beams within the upper canopy. Lift the lower branches and thin by 15%

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 63a Benslow Lane is a detached property situated within a predominately residential area of Hitchin.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Consent is sought for:

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4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the amenity value of the tree and the impact of the proposal on the amenity of the area.
- 4.3.2 Similar works have been consented previous, and the tree has recovered from the works. The works therefore are considered to be for maintenance purposes only and would not harm the amenity of the area or the TPO. No objection is raised to the proposed works to the tree.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the amenity of the area.

5.0 **Recommendation**

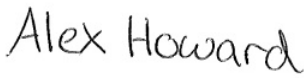
- 5.1 Grant **CONDITIONAL CONSENT** to the proposed works

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).

Signed  Alex Howard Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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