

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Andrew Hunter.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01612/TPO	T1: English Oak - Epicormic growth removal from ground level to 3m height. Crown lifting to 3.5 m	Land Opposite Oakfields Farm Stevenage Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7JX

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 None relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

The site comprises one Oak tree covered by TPO/00206. The trees are to the front of a site where two new dwellings are under construction.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1: English Oak - Epicormic growth removal from ground level to 3m height. Crown lifting to 3.5m.

4.3 **Key Issues**

The key issue for consideration is the visual impact the proposed works would have on the amenity of the area.

The reason for the proposed works is:

These works are now required post planning permission to allow for approved construction works (installation of a driveway along with soft landscaping) to be carried out without causing unnecessary damage to the retained tree in question (T1).

A TPO was placed on T1 post planning approval. Amendments were made to the design layout by an NHC planning officer, now making these works necessary.

The application should be assessed on the impacts of the proposal on the amenity of the area.

The tree is at the front of the site, and is prominent in the street scene. The works proposed are however minor, therefore there would not be long term or harmful impacts from the works.

As such I would not raise objections to the proposal subject to the conditions below.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That Tree Preservation Order 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  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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