

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01652/TPO	T1; Lime - Raise crown to 5.4m over road, 1.8m over grass. Cut epicormic growth as long as access allows. T2; Lime - Raise crown to 5.4m over road, 1.8m over grass. Cut epicormic growth as long as access allows. Cut back growth to clear lamp head / column by 1m. T3; Lime - Raise crown to 5.4m over road, 1.8m over grass. Cut epicormic growth as long as access allows T4; Lime - Raise crown to 5.4m over road, 1.8m over grass, 3m over bus stop area. Cut epicormic growth as long as access allows. Cut back growth to clear lamp head / column by 1m	Priory Court Stevenage Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9DJ

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 four Lime trees covered by TPO/189. The trees are to the front of three storey flats, on land between the flats and the public highway.

4.2 Proposal

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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:

Reason - tree maintenance / clearance works.

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

The trees are at the front of the site, and are prominent in the street scene. The works proposed are however relatively minor, will retain the trees, and 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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