

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Alex Howard.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01551/TPO	Oak - Reduce by 20-30%	4 Penfold Close Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6UT

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch location plan Photos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

2.1 Extensive site history, relating to works to this specific tree. Most recent application:

2.2 **22/01940/TPO** - Oak - Reduce by 20-30% to reduce overhang.

Conditional Consent

3.0 Representations

3.1 None.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

4.1.1 The site is a large, detached property on Penfold Close, Baldock. The site is covered by a group TPO (Ref number: TPO/106).

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 Oak - Reduce by 20-30%.

4.3 Key Issues

4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works given that one of the trees is protected by a specific Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The application form states the following rationale for the proposed works:

"The Tree is a Green Oak. Please see previous application dated 20th July 2022 Your Reference PP- 11417855 for sketch plan. I attach 2 photos showing current condition of tree. We are looking to reduce the tree by 20-30% as previously as the tree has grown significantly since last application approved and work carried out. The canopy is heavy, protrudes into neighbour's garden and is leaning heavily towards the house.

4.3.3 The proposed reductions to this tree are acceptable in light of the aforementioned rationale. This tree has been reduced in terms of its crown consistently over the last few years.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 I can see no objections to the proposed works and have framed a favourable recommendation accordingly.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None.

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That 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 <i>Paul Chaston</i> Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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