

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02535/TPO

T1: Beech - Reduce by 3m and shape.
T2: Apple - Reduce by 3m. T3: Laurel -
Trim and shape. T4 : Robinia - Trim and
shape

14 The Finches
Hitchin
Hertfordshire

SG4 9PB

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**

4.1.1 The site is a detached dwelling on the south west side of The Finches . The trees are covered by Group TPO

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Beech - Reduce by 3m and shape. T2: Apple - Reduce by 3m. T3: Laurel -Trim and shape. T4 : Robinia - Trim and shape

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works given that the trees are protected by a Tree Protection Order.

- ☐ The works will have visibility from the public realm.
- ☐ The works are limited in scope (trimming and shaping)
- ☐ The proposed works are remedial and would not result in the loss of the trees whilst bringing them down to a more manageable size for their location.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 In this instance, due to the above I find no objection to the works that have been proposed here.

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 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).

2. 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.

Signed  Ben Glover	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 8 November 2024	