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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

CONSENT FOR TREE WORK

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PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT

Application: 25/03074/TPO

TPO Reference: 7

Proposal: Walnut - Reduce by 20% across the whole canopy and reduce lower limb to clear of shed.

Location: 104 Layston Park, Royston, Hertfordshire, SG8 9DY

Plan Nos: Location plan

PARTICULARS OF DECISION

In pursuance of its powers under the above-mentioned Act, Regulations and Tree Preservation Order, the North Hertfordshire District Council, HEREBY CONSENT to Walnut - Reduce by 20% across the whole canopy and reduce lower limb to clear of shed. as specified in the application received by the Council on the 3 December 2025 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).

The tree works referred to above should be completed within 2 years from the date of this decision notice.

Informatives:

1. The season for nesting birds is 1st March to 31st August, please ensure between these dates the trees are checked for any nests or other wildlife prior to undertaking the works. Under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, all birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law and it is an offence, within certain exceptions, to: intentionally destroy a wild bird's nest while it is being used or built. There are other exemptions, this one being the most likely situation relevant to this case. For further details please refer to the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wild-birds-protection-surveys-and-licences>

2. You are also advised that where tree works are to be undertaken it is the legal responsibility of the contractor to check for bats. If bats are found during the course of any work to trees where not previously anticipated, then works should immediately stop and Natural England notified for appropriate advice. For further details please refer to the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bats-protection-surveys-and-licences>

The optimal time for significant pruning of a Walnut tree is in late summer/early autumn (mid-August to the end of September). Pruning at this time reduces excessive sap flow which can attract pests and diseases. Pruning during the dormant season (late winter/early spring) is also an option, but the sap flow is higher, though the risk of fungal infection may be lower.

Signed:



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NOTES

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