

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00098/TPO

T1, T2: Sycamore, T3: Horse Chestnut,
T4: Lime, T5, T6: Horse Chestnut, T7:
Cherry - Prune back to previous points.

23 St Marys Park
Royston
Hertfordshire
SG8 7XB

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

1.0 **Planning Practice Guidance**

- 1.1 Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas 2014
- 1.2 Hertfordshire County Council Tree and Woodland Strategy 2022–2030
- 1.3 North Hertfordshire Council Tree Strategy 2017

2.0 **Site History**

- 2.1 22/02055/TPO - T.1 Horse Chestnut - Fell to ground level and remove stump. Conditional Consent.
This decision requires one replacement tree to be planted in the rear garden of the property.
- 2.2 22/00246/TPO - T1 Silver maple - Fell and remove the stump. Conditional Consent.
- 2.3 04/01200/1TPO - 30% average reduction, including low laterals and crown reduction of 4 Horse Chestnut trees, 3 Lime trees, 5 Maple trees and 1 Yew tree. Consent.
- 2.4 00/01718/1TPO - Fell 2 Horse Chestnut, 2 Yew, 1 Lime and 1 Sycamore; the removal of two lower branches of Oak tree, at Plots 16, 19 and 20. Consent.
This decision notice had a condition requiring three replacement trees however it appears these were not planted and the time period for enforcing the conditions has now lapsed.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The property is a detached dwelling located on the west side of Melbourn Road and opposite Walnut Close. The area is covered by a Group Tree Preservation Order Ref: TPO/135 for Land at St. Mary's Park Convent confirmed on 09/10/1997 and comprises trees of various species.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1, T2: Sycamore, T3: Horse Chestnut, T4: Lime, T5, T6: Horse Chestnut, T7: Cherry - Prune back to previous points.

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works in relation to the Tree Preservation Order.
- 4.3.2 The trees are identified on the submitted plan.
- 4.3.3 The application seeks to prune the trees back to previous points. From the case history this would appear to reflect the works granted under 04/01200/1TPO, though the

absence of a site plan on that case means this cannot be confirmed. However, it is evident on site that the trees have previously been pruned and works to reflect this would be not harm the amenity value of the trees to a significant degree.

4.4 **Conclusion**

I am satisfied that the proposed works are acceptable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

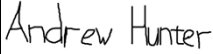
5.1 That permission be **GRANTED** for the proposed works subject to conditions:

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  Andrew Hunter	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 17 February 2025	