

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00382/TPO

T6: Yew - Reduce by 20%

1 Limekiln Close

Royston

Hertfordshire

SG8 9XP

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 19/01108/TPO - T1 - T5 Beech, T6 Yew - Reduce by 20% and crown lift

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site comprises a detached two storey dwelling on the corner of Limekiln Close and Barkway Road in a residential part of Royston. The tree is covered by group TPO/116.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T6: Yew - Reduce by 20%

4.3 **Key Issues**

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

4.3.2 The proposed works to the yew tree are remedial and would not result in the loss of the trees. They would not harm the significance of the tree or its setting and as such, I have no objection to the proposed work that seeks to maintain the trees health whilst providing an acceptable standard of amenity to the occupiers. In my opinion, the scale of the proposed works is acceptable in maintaining the trees to a suitable standard. The tree has also grown back successfully from previous works in the past.

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 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	