

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Melissa Tyler.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02458/TCA	2x Beech - Cut back overhang of main branches by up to 1.75m towards the boundary where appropriate.	Hitchin Girls School Highbury Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9RS

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

1.1 Planning Practice Guidance

Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas

2.0 Site History

2.1 No previous tree applications

3.0 Representations

3.1 Various application for tree works, full details on case file.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

4.1.1 Hitchin Girls School is within the Hitchin Conservation Area where works to tree require consent.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 Permission is sought for

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4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
- 4.3.2 All of the trees in the grounds are considered to offer both public and private amenity value and are important to the character and appearance of the area. Notwithstanding this, the works to the trees are considered justified in order to maintain their longer-term management and the continued contribution they make to the character and appearance of the Hitchin Conservation Area. The remaining trees are not considered to be under any threat and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character or appearance of the Conservation Area.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

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Determining Officer Date: 16 December 2024	

