

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Thomas Howe.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00628/TPO

4x Fir - Remove. 1x Bay - Remove

7 Ransom Close

Hitchin

Hertfordshire

SG4 9AX

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch Location plan Photos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History:**

2.1 93/00572/1TPO - Removal of Willow tree. - Refused

3.0 **Representations:**

3.1 N/A.

4.0 **Planning Considerations:**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 No. 7 comprises a residential dwelling off Ransom Close in Hitchin.

4.1.2 The Trees that these applications relate to are preserved under reference TPO/001.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 The following works are proposed:

4x Fir – Remove
1x Bay - Remove

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.

4.3.2 The trees, the subject of this TPO are within the front, side and rear garden areas of the dwelling. The application form indicates that their felling is sought due to their poor condition following an extended period without maintenance, and due to their proximity to the dwelling and garden walls, and concerns regarding the detrimental impacts from roots to these structures.

4.4 **Conclusion**

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

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None.

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation:**

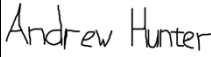
5.1 That consent be **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:

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: 11 April 2025	