

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00725/TPO	T1: Silver Birch - Reduce height by 1.8m and reduce laterals by up to 1m to balance crown. T2: Cedar - Reduce by 1.5m in height and reduce laterals by 1m to balance crown. T3: Yew - Reduce by 1.5m in height and reduce laterals by 1m to balance crown. T4 and T5 reduce regenerative growth from previously pollarded Lime trees.	59 Kneesworth Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5AQ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 08/02113/1TPO – In front garden remove one Laburnum tree (1). In rear garden: Crown reduce one Walnut tree by 30% (2). Crown and lift and thin one Yew tree by 20% (3). Remove two Beech trees (4 and 7). Remove one Copper Beech tree (5). Remove one Yew tree (6). Remove one Elm tree (8). Crown lift by 2 metres and crown reduce by 20% one Pine tree (9). Crown lift by 3 metres and crown reduce by 30% one Elm tree (10). Conditional Consent.
- 2.2 17/01089/1TPO - T1 Walnut - fell, T2 Yew - crown by 20%, T3 Silver Birch - reduce by 20%, T4 Cedar - reduce by 20%. Conditional Consent.
- 2.3 No.57A Kneesworth Street - 06/00212/1TPO - Pollard Lime tree, remove leader on Lime tree, remove dead wood from Copper Beach tree and thin crown of 2 Horse Chestnut trees.

DOD states T4 & T5 to previously pollared Lime trees (57A) both appear to have been pollarded at some point though only 06/00212/TPO is showing.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site is located in the Royston Conservation Area and the trees form part of Group TPO/027 Urban District Council of Royston (Kneesworth Street/Green Drift, Royston) 1973 confirmed on 05/11/1973.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: Silver Birch - Reduce height by 1.8m and reduce laterals by up to 1m to balance crown.

T2: Cedar - Reduce by 1.5m in height and reduce laterals by 1m to balance crown. T3: Yew - Reduce by 1.5m in height and reduce laterals by 1m to balance crown.

T4 and T5- Reduce regenerative growth from previously pollarded Lime trees.

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 Trees T4 and T5 are located in the grounds of the neighbouring property to the east no.57A Kneesworth Street and have significant overhang with the application site. The same applies to T1 which is located in the rear garden of no.57A and alongside the party boundary with no.59. Tree T3 is located within the rear garden of the application site and within close proximity of the property with T2 being located alongside the rear party boundary wall.
- 4.3.3 All of the trees have significant public amenity value when viewed from both Kneesworth Street and Pightle Close to the north.
- 4.3.4 I am satisfied that the proposed works are remedial and would not impact the health of the trees or have a detrimental impact on the wider Group TPO or the character and appearance of the Royston Conservation Area.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works are considered reasonable and justified and will ensure the longer-term management of the trees.

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).

Informative/s:

Please note that if you are planning to undertake works to trees outside of the boundary of your curtilage then you **MUST** obtain the consent of the landowner(s) prior to undertaking any works to the trees. It is advised that any consent be obtained in writing and retained for future reference should any dispute arise between the relevant parties in the future.

Signed <i>S. Kasparian</i> Sarah Kasparian	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 24 April 2025	