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Dear Sir,

G7: Common Ash - Remove dead wood. Trim branches to source on trunk arising around 4m above ground level. Reduce tip of the branch. Main cut approx 9.5m above ground level. G8: English Yews - Crown lift over the driveway to clear 3.5m. Remove ivy and treat at the base of the trees. G9: Group Leyland Cypress - Remove, grind stumps to 250mm below ground level., 10: Norway Maple - Remove branch measuring about 120mm in diameter overhanging the road to source on trunk., 11: Sycamore - Remove dead wood throughout crown and remove to source on trunk lowest cluster of 3no. branches overhanging the road. 12: White Willow - Reduce to approx 4m in height. 13, 14: Sycamore - Prune to clear 5.5m over road, and 1.5m back from kerb-line. 15: Mixed - Prune to clear 5.5m over road, and 1.5m back from kerb-line. 17: Apple - Remove including stump. 18: Purple Plum - Remove; grind stump to 250mm below ground level. 19: English Yew - Remove; grind stump to 250mm below ground level
Ravensburgh, Barton Road, Hexton, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 3JN

Please quote the following reference: 25/02777/TCA on all correspondence.

I refer to your letter and enclosed plan of 30 October 2025 giving notification and details of work specified above, to trees within the Conservation Area.

I can confirm that North Hertfordshire District Council has no objection to this work. The requirements of Section 211 of The 1990 Town and Country Planning Act have therefore been met and you may proceed with the work at your earliest convenience.

The season for nesting birds is 1st March to 31st August, please ensure between these dates the trees are checked for any nests or other wildlife prior to undertaking the works. Under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, all birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law and it is an offence, within certain exceptions, to: intentionally destroy a wild bird's nest while it is being used or built. There are other exemptions, this one being the most likely situation relevant to this case. For further details please refer to the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wild-birds-protection-surveys-and-licences>

You are also advised that where tree works are to be undertaken it is the legal responsibility of the contractor to check for bats. If bats are found during the course of any work to trees where not previously anticipated, then works should immediately stop and Natural England notified for appropriate advice. For further details please refer to the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bats-protection-surveys-and-licences>

The work referred to above should be completed within 2 years from the date of this letter. If it is not, and you still wish to carry it out, you will need to re-notify the Council of your intention to carry out the works.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Greaves', written in a cursive style.

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