

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01995/TPO	T1: Lawson Cypress - Fell failed stem at base retaining stem to West. T2: Leyland Cypress - Fell to 3ft stump and remove all arisings. T3: Leyland Cypress hedge - Reduce height to previous pruning points. T4: Mulberry - Prune back low limb by 2-3m. T5: Beech - Prune to clear garage roof by 1.5m. T6: Walnut - Prune minor growth to clear neighbouring roof by 2m	13 Lower King Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5AL

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

2.0 **Site History**

- 2.1 19/02392/TPO - Re-pollard four lime trees to previous pollarding points, reduce branches that overhang boundary of one Walnut tree and remove 1 Elder tree (as amended).
- 2.2 15/00475/1TPO - Crown reduction to approximately 12 metres, thin crown by 15% of 1 Copper Beech Tree. Removal of overhanging bough on one Walnut Tree. Also the removal of one Laburnum Tree.

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 north-east side of Lower King Street in a residential part of Royston. The trees are covered by group TPO/21.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 T1, seek to removal the failed stem to support the growth of the tree. As such, I have no objection to the proposed works.
- 4.3.3 The agent has stated that T2 is low amenity and causing overshadowing in the garden. In my view, the tree is moderate in size and I do not find the tree to be of particularly high value. As such I have no objection to the works.
- 4.3.3 The proposed works to T3-6 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.

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 <i>Alex Howard</i> Alex Howard Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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