

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02819/TCA

T1: Walnut - Crown reduce by 20% (1m
all round) crown lift to 2m

Manor Farm Barns
Church End
Barley
Hertfordshire

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

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 **Relevant Site History**

16/03055/1TCA - Reduce crown by 30% 1 Walnut tree (T1); Fell 2 Italian Cypress Trees (T2 & T3). No objection.

18/00405/TCA - Walnut - Reduce by 1.5m. 3x Elder - Reduce by 1.5m. No objection.

22/03279/TCA - T1 Walnut - Crown reduce by 2m back to previous. No objection.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site lies within the courtyard of Manor Farm Barns and is within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

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4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are; the amenity value of the tree; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.

- 4.3.2 The tree is identified as T1 on the submitted plan.

- 4.3.3 Located within the courtyard of Manor Farm Barns now in residential use, the tree requires regular maintenance to ensure its longer-term management. Sited to the east side of the courtyard the tree is not visible from public views from Church End however it remains important for the contribution it makes towards visual amenity within the site and for the part it plays in terms of the wider Barley Conservation Area.

4.3.4 The proposed works are considered reasonable and justified.

4.3.5 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the tree 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 to the tree would not harm its amenity value to a significant degree. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Informative/s:

1. The pruning of Walnut trees should only be carried out during the summer months (June to September, inclusive) and at no other time. This is ensure minimal impact on the health of the tree as pruning whilst the sap is rising or during dormancy causes the cut surfaces to bleed profusely which prevents healing of the wounds created, leading to decay.

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Determining Officer Date: 13 January 2025	