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CASE OFFICER: ...Kayleigh Abery.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01814/TCA

Yew - 50% reduction

15 Clare Gardens

Hitchin

Hertfordshire

SG4 9SQ

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 13/03032/1TCA: Reduce 1 Yew tree by 25% and re shape. 28.01.2014 – **No objection**

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None received

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The tree is located adjacent to 15 Clare Gardens, Hitchin which is located within the Hitchin Conservation Area. The Yew tree is within the public realm and is visible at the entrance to the cul-de-sac.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works: Yew – Reduce by 50%.

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 on the submitted location plan.

4.3.3 The proposal enables remedial works to be undertaken to the tree and is considered reasonable and would help secure its longer-term management. The tree has a beneficial contribution to the local amenity.

4.3.4 There is no expedient threat to the tree, therefore I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in the loss of the tree. It is therefore considered that the works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the tree, nor to the character and appearance of the Hitchin Conservation Area that would outweigh the justification for the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Melissa Tyler Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 18 August 2026	