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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01212/TCA	T1: Walnut - Crown reduce of up to 1.5m, 1m pruning to suitable growth points.	Belfry Manor Farm Church End Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8JW

Submitted Plan Nos

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**

2.1 20/01190/TCA - T1 Walnut - Crown reduce by 20% (1m all round) crown lift to 2m. No objection.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is located on the northwest side of Church End. The main building is listed and the site 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 on the submitted plan, and the application is accompanied by a photograph of the tree.

4.3.3 The tree is situated in close proximity to the property, and previous applications indicate that similar works have been approved. The proposed works are remedial and would not result in the loss of the tree. It is therefore considered that the proposed works would not give rise to any unacceptable material harm to the amenity value of the tree or to the character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area.

4.3.4 There is no perceived threat to the tree at this time and therefore a Tree Preservation Order would not be appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works are considered reasonable and justified and would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area as to outweigh the justification for the proposed works.

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: 18 May 2026	