

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01034/TPO	T1: Sycamore - Crown reduce to previous reduction points. Prune back to suitable growth points throughout. T2: Holly - Crown reduce by 1.0m in height and prune sides by 1.0m. T3, T4, T5: Lime - Re-pollard to previous pollard points, removing all regrowth. T6: Yew - Crown reduce height by 1.5 m and lateral spread by 0.5 m.	2 The Copperfields Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5BH

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 **Site History**

- 2.1 20/01199/TPO - T1 Sycamore - Crown reduce by 4m. T2 -T5 lime - Re pollard to previous, approx 2m height reduction. Approved.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site is part of a wider housing estate located on the north side of Baldock Road where the land is covered by group TPO/019 - Urban District Council of Royston, (The Vicarage, Baldock Road, Royston) 1973 confirmed on 22/08/1973.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 T1: Sycamore - Crown reduce to previous reduction points. Prune back to suitable growth points throughout. T2: Holly - Crown reduce by 1.0m in height and prune sides by 1.0m. T3, T4, T5: Lime - Re-pollard to previous pollard points, removing all regrowth. T6: Yew - Crown reduce height by 1.5 m and lateral spread by 0.5 m.
- 4.2.2 The proposal has been amended to reduce the extent of works to T1 and T2, both of which are considered to provide a degree of public amenity value.

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works in relation to the Tree Preservation Order.
- 4.3.2 The trees are identified on the submitted plan and the application is accompanied by photographs of the trees. Trees T1 and T2 are located on the southern boundary which borders Baldock Road, whilst trees T3, T4, T5 and T6 are located on the western boundary which shares a border with no. 2, Downlands.
- 4.3.3 The proposed works are considered reasonable and acceptable and are not anticipated to result in any significant impact on the amenity value of the trees, or adversely affect the wider Tree Preservation Order to any material degree.

4.4 **Conclusion**

I am satisfied that there is a justified reason for the proposed works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That permission be **GRANTED** for the proposed works subject to 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  Ben Glover	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 18 May 2026	