

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02263/TPO	T1: Atlas Cedar - Crown reduce height by 2m and lateral growth by 1.5m.	1 Tall Trees Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7EG

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

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 **Site History**

2.1 Various works to trees, full details on case file.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The property is a detached dwelling located to the northern side of the highway providing vehicular access to Tall Trees from Hollies Close. The Atlas Cedar tree is referenced in the current application as T1 and identified under Group TPO/014 (Urban District Council of Royston 1972) confirmed on 27/03/1972.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to crown reduce height by 2m and lateral growth by 1.5m of an Atlas Cedar tree.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The issues associated with the proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works in relation to the Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The tree is identified as T1 on the submitted plan and is positioned in the southwestern corner of the application site fronting both Tall Trees and Hollies Close. The application is supported by a photograph of the tree which shows the tree to be mature and visually healthy. Given the position of the tree and its proximity to residential dwellings, a reduction as proposed appears reasonable and justified. The position of the tree means that it offers significant public amenity value, however, I am satisfied that the works would not be detrimental to the health of the tree and would not harm its appearance to any significant extent. As such I am satisfied that the proposed works are acceptable.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 I am satisfied that the proposed works are acceptable and would not harm the tree or impact the wider Group Tree Preservation Order TPO/014.

5.0 **Recommendation**

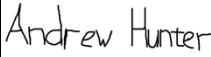
5.1 That permission be **GRANTED** for the proposed works subject to conditions:

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  Andrew Hunter	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 21 October 2024	