

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02921/TCA	Cedar - Reduce height & spread (reshaping). Ash - Remove boughs	White Beams Police Row Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9QE

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 15/02431/1TCA - Remove one Cedar tree (2). Reduce canopy to one Cedar Tree by 30% and to one Magnolia tree by 40%. No objection.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site where the tree works are proposed lies on the west side of Police Row and is within the Therfield Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:
 - Cedar – Reduce height and spread (re-shaping)
 - Ash – Remove boughs

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are the amenity value of the trees; 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 trees are identified on the submitted plan.
- 4.3.3 The Weeping Ash tree is located to the rear of the dwelling, and is within close proximity to residential outbuildings, whilst the Cedar tree is located in the southeast corner of the front garden of the property. The works proposed appear reasonable and justified in order to ensure the longer-term management of the trees.
- 4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to trees 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 would be remedial and would not result in the loss of the trees. It is therefore considered that the proposed works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the trees or to the character and appearance of the Therfield Conservation Area.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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Determining Officer Date: 27 November 2025	