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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/01984/TPO

Walnut - Crown reduction and lopping
of a main side branch by up to 50%

Caldicott Court
Harrison Close
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 9SL

Submitted Plan Nos

Photo Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 Various consents to manage the application tree and neighbouring trees.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application tree is a mature walnut tree located in the grounds of Caldicott Court. The tree historically formed part of a group TPO 069 which included walnut, beech, scots pine and 8 yews. Many of the trees in the group TPO have now been removed. The walnut tree is now isolated but remains under the TPO 069.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Consent is sought for:

- ☐ crown reduction.
- ☐ reduction/lopping of main side branch of up to 50%.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues relevant to this proposal are the appropriateness of the works given that the tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The proposed works will reduce the crown and side branch of the tree by an acceptable amount and are of an appropriate scale. The works will reduce the tree's overall height and breadth whilst continuing to maintain and preserve the protected tree.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works are acceptable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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).

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