

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01170/TPO	T1: Sycamore - Reduce in height by 4m	34D Kneesworth Street Royston Hertfordshire SG8 5AB

Submitted Plan Nos

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 Full case history on file.

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 west side of Kneesworth Street with its access located between nos. 34B Kneesworth Street to the south and no.36 Kneesworth Street to the north. Tree Preservation Order (TPO/025) is a group TPO relating to Urban District Council of Royston (Kneesworth Street/Green Drift, Royston) 1973 and was confirmed on 23/10/1973.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Sycamore - Reduce in height by 4m.

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 tree is identified on the submitted plan and is located along the southern boundary, adjoining the listed neighbouring property Church House, 32a Kneesworth Street. Following a site inspection, the tree was found to be mature and visually healthy despite a modest lean to the east. Given the close proximity to the boundary and neighbouring property, the proposed works are considered reasonable and acceptable. Such works are not anticipated to result in any significant impact to the amenity value of the tree or adversely affect the wider Tree Preservation Order to any material degree.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 I am satisfied that the proposed works are remedial and that there is a clear and justified reason for the proposed works to be granted.

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: 21 May 2026	