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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00364/TPO

Yew - Up to a 2m reduction

24 St Marys Park

Royston

Hertfordshire

SG8 7XB

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 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 Previous works granted to the Yew tree under 03/00659/1TPO - Reduction in crown of Yew tree by 25% overall.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on the east side of St. Mary's Park with its rear party boundary to Melbourn Road. The Yew tree is positioned to the south side party boundary with the neighbouring property no.25 St. Mary's Park and is included in Group TPO/135 - North Hertfordshire District Council (Land at St Mary's Park Convent, Melbourn Road, Royston) 1997 confirmed on 09/10/1997.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought for up to a 2m reduction to the Yew tree.

89=-0]ip[]i[poi4.3 **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 a photograph is submitted in support of the application. The position and height together with the crown spread of the tree means that a reduction of 2metres would be considered appropriate given the residential nature of the properties and their gardens. Whilst there is some merit in the tree in terms of amenity value the proposed works are considered reasonable and justified in order to ensure the longer-term management of the tree and the continued contribution it makes to both amenity value and the wider group TPO.

4.4 **Conclusion**

I am satisfied that the proposed works are acceptable.

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  Melissa Tyler	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 17 March 2025	