

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02290/TCA	Laurel - Crown reduction to a height of around 7ft	The Manse Pedlars Lane Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9PZ

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 Full history on case file.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site lies on the north side of Pedlars Lane and is within the Therfield Conservation Area. The Laurel tree is located in the front garden of the property close to the vehicular entrance.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- ☐ Laurel – Crown reduction to a height of around 7ft.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are; the amenity value of the tree; 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 tree is identified on the submitted plan.

4.3.3 The proposed works are required to reduce the overhang to the vehicular entrance and aid visibility. As such the works appear reasonable and justified in order to ensure the longer-term management of the tree.

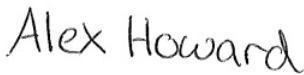
4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to tree and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would be remedial and would not result in the loss of the tree. It is therefore considered that the proposed works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the tree 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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