

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00181/TPO	T1: Beech - Remove to near ground level.	18 Hollies Close Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7DZ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 Various site history relating to TPO trees from 2002 to 2023.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is a property on Hollies Close, Royston. The site has an area to the west end of the rear garden protected by a group TPO (Ref number: TPO/021).

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Beech - Remove to near ground level.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works given that the tree is protected by a Tree Protection Order.

4.3.2 The application form states that *"This Beech tree has historically been heavy pollarded to a pole. It has advanced fungal decay and is now structurally unsound. Request removal to near ground level."*

4.3.3 In my opinion, the proposed works to this tree is appropriate and reasonable. The tree is exhibiting signs of poor health and has been appraised by a qualified arboriculturist. The applicant is also proposing to replace the specimen with 2 others, which I deem appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 In this instance, due to the above I find no objection to the works that have been proposed here.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None.

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That consent be **GRANTED** subject to the following 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  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 6 February 2025	