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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Town and Country Planning Act 1990

CONSENT FOR TREE WORK

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PARTICULARS OF DEVELOPMENT

Application: 24/02348/TPO

TPO Reference: 13

Proposal: T1: Silver Birch - Fell to ground level and eco plug if not grinding.

Location: 8 The Finches, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG4 9PB

Plan Nos: Location plan Photos

PARTICULARS OF DECISION

In pursuance of its powers under the above-mentioned Act, Regulations and Tree Preservation Order, the North Hertfordshire District Council, HEREBY CONSENT to T1: Silver Birch - Fell to ground level and eco plug if not grinding. as specified in the application received by the Council on the 18 October 2024 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).

3. The Silver Birch tree when felled shall be replaced with a suitable native tree with a girth size of 8-10cm as agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The replacement tree shall be planted within the front garden of the property within the first available planting season (1st October until 31st March) following the felling unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

In the event of the replacement tree failing to become established or dying within two years of planting, another tree of the same species and planting size shall be planted in its place in the first available planting season unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To safeguard and enhance the appearance of the Group Tree Preservation Order.

Informatives:

1. The season for nesting birds is 1st March to 31st August, please ensure between these dates the trees are checked for any nests or other wildlife prior to undertaking the works. Under the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981, all birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law and it is an offence, within certain exceptions, to: intentionally destroy a wild bird's nest while it is being used or built. There are other exemptions, this one being the most likely situation relevant to this case. For further details please refer to the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wild-birds-protection-surveys-and-licences>

2. You are also advised that where tree works are to be undertaken it is the legal responsibility of the contractor to check for bats. If bats are found during the course of any work to trees where not previously anticipated, then works should immediately stop and Natural England notified for appropriate advice. For further details please refer to the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bats-protection-surveys-and-licences>

Signed:



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NOTES

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