

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00092/TPO	T1: Beech - Lifting of the crown by reduction of 4 horizontal reaching side branches. 1 side branch at approx. 6m above the ground. 1 side branch at approx. 6.5 m above the ground. 2 side branches at approx. 7 m above the ground. T2: Beech - Lifting of the crown by reduction of 2 side branches located at approx. 4.5 m above ground on the main trunk.	3 Echo Hill Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9BB

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 None.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The property is a detached dwelling located on the northeast side of Echo Hill with the rear section of the garden forming part of Group TPO/007- Urban District of Royston Tree Preservation (No 1) 1970 confirmed on 03/11/1970.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought for the following works:

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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 Both trees are positioned in the rear garden of the property, and both are mature and appear visually healthy. The proposed works are considered to be general maintenance.

4.3.3 I am satisfied that there would be no harm to the amenity value of the trees either individually or as part of the group.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works are reasonable, justified and 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  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 7 February 2025	