

Development Management
North Hertfordshire District Council
Council Offices
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My Ref: 2025/398

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: DISCHARGE OF CONDITION 5 FROM PLANNING PERMISSION 24/01031/S73 GRANTED ON 9/9/24 ON LAND AT TURNPIKE LANE AND ADJACENT TO 4 MANOR CLOSE, TURNPIKE LANE, ICKLEFORD

Please find enclosed an application to discharge condition 5 from planning permission 24/01031/S73.

Condition 5 reads:

"None of the trees to be retained on the application site shall be felled, lopped, topped, uprooted, removed or otherwise destroyed or killed without the prior written agreement of the Local Planning Authority."

The developer is seeking the written agreement of the LPA to the removal of a group of cypress trees in the southern part of the site.

The enclosed arboricultural addendum sets out that:

"G10 is a group of closely planted Leyland cypress at 15m+tall and are categorized as category C. They were originally shown retained as they provide screening between the site and former industrial buildings (Ickleford Mill). This site has now been allocated for housing in North Herts Local Plan and has secured planning permission for residential development. As a result, Ickleford Mill buildings will be demolished. Therefore, the screening value of T10 is not as important as it was."

"The trees are on the southern boundary of the nearest plot and cast dense, oppressive shade"

It is considered that the removal of the trees would be beneficial to the future occupiers of the nearby dwellings and would not result in any adverse impacts.

Yours sincerely

Vicki Davies

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