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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01920/TCA	T1: Yew - Reduce back side overhanging the scout hut roof and path to give a 2m clearance	The Manor Church End Barley Hertfordshire SG8 8JW

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

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 is located on the northern side of Church End within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- ② T1 – Yew – Reduce back side overhanging the scout hut roof and path to give a 2m clearance.

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 submitted plan shows the position of the tree adjacent to the western boundary.

4.3.3 The proposed works would provide a 2 metre clearance between the tree and the scout hut roof and adjacent pathway. This level of pruning is considered reasonable and justified in order to maintain adequate clearance.

4.3.4 There appears to be no threat to the tree and, therefore, it is not considered appropriate to make a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in the loss of the tree. It is therefore considered that the works would not cause unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the tree or to the character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area that would outweigh the justification for the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

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