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Our Ref : 25/02862/TCA

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Date: 2 December 2025

Dear Madam,

Apple - Light clipping back, thinning, removal of dead and crown reduction. Back to previous pruning points., Prunus - Reduce height by approx 2m to 3m and the crown lightly shaped. Hawthorn - Reduce to a height by approx 3m to 4m., Lilac - Prune back clearing the overhang from the property Shrub to be lightly reduced/trimmed to shape to height of approx 3.6m. Prunus - Reduce back incrementally in order to remove strain on the boundary wall. Prunus - Uplift, clearing the branches from the wall. Crown to be reduced by approx 3m or more with the balancing of the upper crown.
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Please quote the following reference: 25/02862/TCA on all correspondence.

I refer to your letter and enclosed plan of 10 November 2025 giving notification and details of work specified above, to trees within the Conservation Area.

I can confirm that North Hertfordshire District Council has no objection to this work. The requirements of Section 211 of The 1990 Town and Country Planning Act have therefore been met and you may proceed with the work at your earliest convenience.

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>

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>

The work referred to above should be completed within 2 years from the date of this letter. If it is not, and you still wish to carry it out, you will need to re-notify the Council of your intention to carry out the works.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Greaves', written in a cursive style.

Shaun Greaves
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