

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Melissa Tyler.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01915/TPO	Cedar - Crown reduce to previous pruning points	7 The Finches Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PB

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch location plan Photo

1.0 Policies

1.1 **Planning Practice Guidance**

Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 13/02050/1TPO - Works to T1 Atlas Cedar (Cedrus Atlantica) tree in garden of number 6 The Finches comprising crown reduction by 2.5 to 3 metres to reduce branches back from building and target reduce to balance shape. Weight relief to heavy limbs and crown lift lower secondary branches by 1 metre because of excessive shading – Granted Conditional Consent on 08/10/2013.

2.2 19/00873/TPO T1 Atlantic Cedar - Reduce by approx 1.5 - 2.5m Conditional Consent

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 No consultation required.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 No. 7 The Finches is situated on the north east side of the public highway. The tree subject to this application is situated on the western boundary of the application site and is visible from within the public street scene. The area in which the application site is location is covered by TPO/13.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought for

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4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact the proposed works would have on the appearance of the trees and its wider impact on the character and appearance of the area.

4.3.2 The works proposed are to crown reduce 1x Atlantic Cedar to previous pruning points. The proposed works are considered appropriate given that the reduction is intended to improve the health and appearance and would not result in the loss of the tree.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any harm to the character or appearance of the area.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That conditional consent be GRANTED 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).

Signed  Sarah Kasparian	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 12 August 2025	