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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01719/TPO	T1. Elm, T2. Sycamore - Crown reduce height and spread by 30%.	30 King James Way Royston Hertfordshire SG8 7EF

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photos

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 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 eastern side of King James Way which is covered by Group TPO/026 Urban District Council of Royston (Area to East and West Dog Kennel Lane) 1973 confirmed on 05/11/1973.

4.2 Proposal

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to crown reduce the height and spread by 30% of T1 Elm and T2 Sycamore.

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 The trees are identified as T1 and T2 on the submitted plan and are located along the rear boundary of the property. Both trees are mature specimens and appear visually healthy. Given the position of the trees in this area, I am of the view that a 30% reduction to the height and spread of the crown would be beneficial and would ensure their longer-term management and that of the wider Group TPO.

- 4.3.3 Whilst the trees contribute to private amenity value, there is also public amenity value in their presence when viewed from Melbourn Road through the grounds of St Mary Roman Catholic Primary School.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 I am satisfied that the proposed works are reasonable and acceptable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 That permission be **GRANTED** for the proposed works subject to conditions:

1. 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).

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.

Signed  Ben Glover	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 13 September 2024	