

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Tom Rea.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02897/TPO	T2: Larch - Fell to ground level.	Little Court London Road St Ippolyts Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7NE

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

2.1 None

3.0 Representations

3.1 None.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

4.1.1 The application site comprises part of the front garden to Little Court located in London Road. The trees is covered by an individual TPO.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 T2 Larch - fell to ground.

4.3 Key Issues

4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works given that the tree is protected by a Tree Protection Order.

4.3.2 The applicant has stated that the tree is leaning and in poor condition and in the way of an extension to a front garage. I have no evidence contrary to the applicants view. Indeed, from a site visit the tree is leaning into the site and in poor shape. As such, I do not have any objections to the removal of this tree. The tree is not part of a Group TPO therefore there is no justification for its replacement.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 In this instance, due to the above I find no objection to the works that have been proposed here.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None.

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That consent be **GRANTED** subject to the following 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).

2. 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.

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Signed <i>S. Kasparian</i> Sarah Kasparian	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 6 January 2025	