

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/01625/TPO

Oak - Prune up to 4m in height

Land Adjacent To 37 Garden Fields
Offley
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG5 3DF

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 **TPO/00213 (2024)** Land Rear Of 23, And 30 To 37 Garden Fields Offley. - Group of 10 Oak Trees Provisional – Not yet Confirmed – Provisional Expiry Date - 18.01.2025

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The Oak tree is located adjacent to 37 Garden Fields and is subject to a group TPO for 10 Oak trees.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to prune up to 4m in height of an Oak

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 tree is identified on the submitted plan.
- 4.3.3 Visually the tree appears a healthy specimen offering significant public amenity value and contribution to the character and appearance of the Offley Conservation Area.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 I am satisfied that the proposed works are acceptable and will not harm the value of the tree.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 That permission be **GRANTED** for the proposed works subject to 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  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 14 August 2024	