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

| APPLICATION<br>REFERENCE | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF<br>DEVELOPMENT                                                                             | APPLICATION SITE                                                                      |
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| 25/02005/TCA             | T1: Walnut - Overall reduce by 2.5m.<br>T2: Ash - Deadwood cleanout, remove<br>low limb to clear the phone line | Rectory House<br>Shaftenhoe End Road<br>Barley<br>Royston<br>Hertfordshire<br>SG8 8LA |

**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           **Relevant Site History**

2.1       Full case history on file.

3.0           **Representations**

3.1       N/A

4.0           **Planning Considerations**

4.1           **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1   The site lies to the northeast of the junction of Church End and Shaftenhoe Road and is within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2           **Proposal**

4.2.1   Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: Walnut - Overall reduce by 2.5m.

T2: Ash - Deadwood cleanout, remove low limb to clear the phone line.

4.3           **Key Issues**

4.3.1   The key issues in determining this application are; the amenity value of the trees; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2   The trees are identified on the submitted plan as T1 and T2 and are located in the front garden of the property. T2 is positioned in the northwest corner of the front garden immediately alongside the junction where Church End meets with Shaftenhoe Road, whilst T1 is positioned closer to the dwelling.

4.3.3   Both trees are mature specimens which appear visually healthy. The removal of a lower limb to T2 would ensure clearance of the overhead line, whilst removal of deadwood would ensure overall safety as far as possible. The proposed works appears reasonable and justified to ensure the longer-term management of the trees.

- 4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the trees and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would be remedial and would not result in the loss of the trees. It is therefore considered that the proposed works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the trees or to the character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

**Informative/s:**

1. The pruning of Walnut trees should only be carried out during the summer months (June to September, inclusive) and at no other time. This is ensure minimal impact on the health of the tree as pruning whilst the sap is rising or during dormancy causes the cut surfaces to bleed profusely which prevents healing of the wounds created, leading to decay.

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| <div>Determining Officer</div> <div>Date: 21 August 2025</div>                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                               |