

Ashwell Parish Council
Via Email

Our Ref : TPO/00212 (2024)
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Date: 23 July 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

**Tree Preservation Order: North Hertfordshire District Council
Land at and adjoining Claybush Hill Meadow, Ashwell, Hertfordshire SG7 5RA**

G1 - Group of trees comprising a mix of Ash, Hawthorn, Maple, Holly, Yew, Wild Cherry, Silver Birch, Lime, Norway Maple, Sycamore, Blackthorn, Horse Chestnut and Walnut trees

Following full consideration of an objection to the Order by Affinity Water as a statutory water undertaker regarding the presence of pipework within the zone of the TPO, North Hertfordshire Council as the Local Planning Authority have taken the decision **NOT** to confirm the Order.

The decision has been taken in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012 on **18 July 2024**.

However, you are reminded that under the original planning application ref: 16/01797/1 for 30 dwellings together with associated access, parking, amenity and open space. Condition 6 attached to that permission states:

'None of the trees to be retained on the application site shall be felled, lopped, topped, uprooted, removed or otherwise destroyed or killed without the prior written agreement of the Local Planning Authority.'

Condition 5 allows for the protection of the trees and reads as follows:

'The approved details of landscaping shall be carried out before the end of the first planting season following either the first occupation of any of the buildings or the completion of the development, whichever is the later; and any trees or plants which, within a period of 5 years from the completion of the development, die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased, shall be replaced during the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless the Local Planning Authority agrees in writing to vary or dispense with this requirement.'

Once the timescale in respect of the above condition falls away, no protection would be afforded to the trees with no existing TPO and not being within the Ashwell Conservation

Area.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S Greaves'.

Shaun Greaves
Development and Conservation Manager