

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02327/TCA	T1: Common Horse Chestnut - Crown reduce the height and spread by up to 3m	13 Whitehorse Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6QB

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 history on case file.

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1.1 The site lies on the northwest side of Whitehorse Street and is within the Baldock Conservation Area. The tree is positioned to the northwest party boundary of no.13 Whitehorse Street which is a grade II* listed building. Beyond the northwest party boundary is Aldridge Court, a small residential estate. To the northeast of the site is a Methodist Church, which is a grade II listed building.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

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4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application is the amenity value of the tree; 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 tree is identified on the submitted plan as T1.

4.3.3 The tree is mature and appears visually healthy. The proposed works would be remedial and would not result in the loss of the tree. I am therefore satisfied that the works are reasonable and justified in order to maintain the longer-term management of the tree.

4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the tree 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 I am satisfied that the proposed works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the tree or to the character and appearance of the Baldock Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed



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Determining Officer Date: 25 September 2025	