

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02192/TCA	T1: Cherry - Crown reduction of up to 1m. T2: Medler - Crown reduction of 1.5m on lateral limbs only. T3: Wild Cherry - Crown reduction of 1.5m on lateral limbs only.	86 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NS

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

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 Ashwell Parish Council – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site lies on the northwest side of the High Street and is within the Ashwell Conservation Area. T1 is located in the front garden with trees T2 and T3 located in the rear garden of the property.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:
 - T1: Cherry - Crown reduction of up to 1m.
 - T2: Medler - Crown reduction of 1.5m on lateral limbs only.
 - T3: Wild Cherry - Crown reduction of 1.5m on lateral limbs only.

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application is 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, and the application is accompanied by photographs of the trees.
- 4.3.3 I am satisfied that the proposed works appear reasonable and justified and would ensure the longer-term management of the trees.
- 4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to 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 tree or to the character and appearance of the Ashwell Conservation Area.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 25 September 2025	