

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...William Thompson.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00655/TCA

Ash - Crown reduce by approx 12ft

98 Ridge Road

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 1PT

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 12/02175/1TCA - Shorten bough by 6m (extending to house) and remove lowest branches of bough Tip prune remaining branches on bough by 1.5 - 2m to one Ash tree (T1 on plan). Crown lift by removal of one low branch at 3m above ground to one Sycamore tree (T2 on plan) on land overhanging into rear of garden of 98 Ridge Road.

No Objection

95/00652/1TCA - Pruning of Ash tree

No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation – None received

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located the north side of Ridge Road, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Ash - Crown reduce by approx 12ft

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are: 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 location plan in the rear garden.

4.3.4 As the tree is located in the rear garden and not visible from the street, it holds little amenity value. The works are remedial and would not harm the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

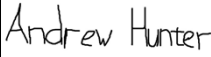
4.3.5 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider there a need to issue a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the trees would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Andrew Hunter	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 11 April 2025	