

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00679/TCA

Hornbeam - Pollard to approx 6m

38 South View

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3JJ

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 19/02951/TCA – A. Cherry - Remove large branch. B. Cherry - Remove. C. Cobnut - Remove large branch. D. Elder - Remove. E. Buddleia Globosa - Remove.

No Objection

19/02728/TCA – Hornbeam - Reduce by 5-6m.

No Objection

14/02438/1TCA – Reduce height of 1 Hornbeam Tree by approximately 4 metres and shape to balance.

No Objection

07/01163/1TCA – Crown reduction by approximately 15% and crown thinning of remaining crown by approximately 20% to 1 Hornbeam tree. Crown thinning of 1 Laburnum tree by approximately 20% and removal of 1 overhanging branch.

No Objection

89/00851/1TCA – Pruning of one Hornbeam crown and reduce 5 Lombardy Poplars.

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 on the east side of South View, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Hornbeam - Pollard to approx 6m

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.

4.3.3 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.

4.3.4 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	