

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00750/TCA

TG5 Mix - Reduce overhanging branches
back towards the boundary fence by up
to 4m, 2m by the gazebo.

Pirton School
High Street
Pirton
Hertfordshire
SG5 3PS

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 24/01439/TCA - T4 Elm - Fell. T6, T7 Black poplar - Deadwood through crown approx 26mm in diameter. T3 Norway Maple - Reduce failed stem by upto 3m. T15 Holly - Reduce dead stem back to live stem. T21 Plum - Fell. T8 Willow - Reduce regrowth. T12, T13 Plum - Remove Ivy T14 Laburnum - Remove Ivy. T20 8x Various Plum, 6x Hawthorn - Reduce off fence (1m). T23 Apple - Remove Ivy from crown

No Objection

22/02927/TCA - T30 Laburnum - Reduce by 30%. T9 Apple - Reduce by 30%. T1 Norway Maple - Reduce by 30% and remove dead branches

No Objection

13/01025/1TCA - Remove 1 Laburnum tree.

No Objection

01/01878/1TCA - Removal of Elder and Pear trees.

No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/a

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is Pirton School, High Street, Pirton and is within the Pirton Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 TG5 Mix - Reduce overhanging branches back towards the boundary fence by up to 4m, 2m by the gazebo.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are: 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 location plan on the western boundary.

4.3.3 As the trees are within the school, they hold some amenity value; however, 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 Pirton Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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Determining Officer Date: 11 April 2025	