

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00613/TCA

T1: Common Ash - Dismantle to current
ground level.

Letchworth Railway Station
Station Place
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3AN

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 13/00811/1TCA - Removal of 18 trees (5 x Sycamore Trees; 5 x Wild Cherry Trees; 3 x Ash Trees; 2 x Hawthorn Trees; 2 x Field Maple Trees & 1 Cherry Plum Tree).

No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 LGCHF – No comment.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is the Letchworth Railway Station, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Common Ash - Dismantle to current ground level.

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 tree is identified on the submitted location plan and is located on the platform.

4.3.3 The tree is visible while on the platform so holds some amenity value; however, the tree is young and in poor condition. As such, it is not deemed a worth enough specimen for a TPO.

4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the trees to be of high enough public amenity value to warrant a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the tree 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: 14 April 2025	