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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01732/TCA	T1 - T4: Common lime - Crown Lift to provide 2.5m clearance from ground level. G1: Mix Vegetation - Trim the bramble back and crown lift 2.5m. T5: Oak - Crown Lift to provide 2m clearance from ground level	Wilshere Dacre Junior School Fishponds Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1NS

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 25/00362/TCA - G1: Yew, Holly and Leylandii - Crown Lift to provide 5.2m clearance from ground level and trim the Yew back to fence line. T159: Common lime - Crown Lift to provide 3m clearance from ground level and clear branches around overhead wires. T160: Common Ash, T168, T169, T170, T172, T174: Silver Birch - Crown Lift to

provide 3m clearance from ground level. T166: Sweet Chestnut - Crown lift to provide 2m clearance from ground level. T175, T176: Rowan Crown Lift to provide 2m clearance from ground level. T177: Bird Cherry - Crown Lift to provide 2m clearance from ground level. T183: Oak Crown Lift to provide 2.5m clearance from ground level. T185: Norway Spruce - Crown Lift to provide 5.2m clearance from ground level.

No Objection

2.2 24/00076/TCA - T1: Plum - Reduce height by approx 50%

No Objection

2.3 22/01545/TCA - Hedge line – Remove

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 located the north side of Fishponds Road and is within the Hitchin Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 and are around Wilshire Dacre Junior School.

4.3.3 The trees are not visible from the streetscene, so hold little amenity value. The works are remedial and are not considered to cause unacceptable harm to 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 Hitchin Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Tom Rea	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 22 July 2025	