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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01624/TCA	T1: Laurel - Prune back to the drive edge and the height reduced by approx. 2ft. T2: Lilac - Prune lateral growth back to the drive edge. T3: Plum - Prune overhanging lateral growth back to the drive edge where possible to suitable growth points. Crown lift over the public footpath. Prune remaining foliage up to the exit.	73 West View Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3QJ

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 24/01159/TCA - T1: Liquidambar - Lateral growth shortened back from the property side to suitable growth points. Remaining canopy to have protruding growth shortened back to balance and the lower canopy lifted. T2: Sycamore - Prune back overhanging foliage back to the boundary where possible to suitable growth points.

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 West View, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth 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 located in the front garden.
- 4.3.3 The trees are visible from the streetscene, so hold 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 Letchworth 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	