

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00086/TCA	GB29: Ash - Fell to ground level. GB28: Beech - Fell to ground level	66 Glebe Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1DR

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

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**

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| 2.1 24/00016/TCA - GB25 Eucalyptus - Crown reduce all round by 4-5m | No Objection |
| 24/02697/TCA - GB25: Eucalyptus - Fell to ground level. | No Objection |

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site is located on Glebe Road and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 GB29: Ash - Fell to ground level. GB28: Beech - Fell to 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 works on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed works 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 are located in the front garden.

4.3.3 The trees are mature and appear visually healthy; however, the arboricultural report states that the trees have been poorly maintained and are too big for the garden and area with the Ash tree having squirrel damage and the Beech tree leaning over.

4.3.4 The works are to fell both trees as they have outgrown their position.

4.3.5 The trees are highly visible to the public realm as they are located in the front garden. As such they have a moderate public amenity value; however, they are not considered worthy of a TPO.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works 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.

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Determining Officer Date: 30 January 2025	