

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02739/TCA

Cherry - Crown and thinned by 25%
reduction.

7 Gorst Close
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3HD

Submitted Plan Nos

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 19/00307/TCA - Cherry - Reduce by 20%. No objection.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **LGCHF** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The property lies on the east side of Gorst Close and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area. The area is residential in nature with dwellings being set back from the highway and where front gardens benefit from open frontages.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- ☐ Cherry – Crown and thinned by 25% reduction.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are the amenity value of the tree; 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 plan, and the application is accompanied by a photograph of the tree.

4.3.3 The tree is mature and appears visually healthy. Its contribution within the street scene is important and the works proposed would seek to maintain its longer-term management.

4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to tree and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would be remedial and would not result in the loss of the tree. It is therefore considered that the proposed works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the tree or to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Informative/s:

- 1. In addition to this approval, and prior to undertaking any works to the tree, you **MUST** make sure you have obtained the written consent of the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation (where applicable).

Signed  Melissa Tyler	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 10 December 2025	