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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02529/TCA

T1: Larch - Systematically dismantled to a high stump / monolith (6m). T2: Conifer - Dead top 6m safely remove.

34 Field Lane
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3LD

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photos

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 None.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site lies on the east side of Field Lane and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.1.2 Both trees are positioned in the rear garden of the property and alongside the party boundary with the green space immediately to the east.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- T1: Larch - Systematically dismantled to a high stump / monolith (6m).
- T2: Conifer - Dead top 6m safely remove.

4.3 **Key Issues**

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4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application is 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 as T1 and T2 on the submitted plan and the application is accompanied by a Tree Report dated 17/09/2025 and photographs of the trees.

4.3.3 The Tree Report supports the proposed works.

4.3.4 It is clear from the submitted photographs and the findings of the Tree Report that the proposed works are reasonable and justified.

4.3.5 Neither tree is considered worthy of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would impact on the amenity value of the trees, however, I am satisfied that the works would not result in significant harm to 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: 4 November 2025	