

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02550/TCA

T1: Beech - Canopy reduction of up to
1.5m.

Townsend House
Ashwell Street
Ashwell
Hertfordshire

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 Full case history on file.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 **Ashwell Parish Council** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site lies to the southwest of Townsend Meadow and is within the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- ☐ T1: Beech - Canopy reduction of up to 1.5m.

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 as T1 and the application is accompanied by a photograph of the tree.
- 4.3.3 The proposed works are considered to be remedial. There is limited visibility of the tree and so no valuable amenity value. I am therefore satisfied that the proposed works are reasonable and justified in order to ensure the longer-term management 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 Ashwell Conservation Area

- 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 not result in harm to the amenity value of the tree. As such, I am satisfied that the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Ashwell 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	