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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02445/TCA

Hornbeam - Crown reduce to previous
pruning points, approx 30% reduction.

68 Lytton Avenue
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3HY

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 13/02952/1TCA - Reduce 1 Hornbeam tree by 30%. No objection.

2.2 10/02373/1TCA - Crown lifting of 1 Hornbeam by approximately 3m (10 feet) above the height of the roof. No objection.

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 Lytton Avenue and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area. The tree is located in the rear garden of the property within close proximity of the neighbouring property to the north no.66 Lytton Avenue.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- Hornbeam – Crown reduce to previous pruning points, approx. 30% 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.

4.3.3 The proposed works are required to reduce the crown spread of the tree in order 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 the works, you **MUST** make sure you have obtained the written consent of the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation (where applicable).

Signed  Tom Rea	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer	
Date: 4 November 2025	