

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02317/TCA

T1: Foxglove - 50% reduction, removing
all leafing limbs and leaving as a pollard
pole.

22 Glebe Road
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 1DR

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 Full history on case file.

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 northwest side of Glebe Road and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area. The foxglove tree is positioned in the front garden of the property and close to the existing party boundary and hedge with the neighbouring property to the east known as no.24 Glebe Road.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- T1: Foxglove - 50% reduction, removing all leafing limbs and leaving as a pollard pole.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application is 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 photographs of the tree.

4.3.3 The tree appears to be of medium maturity and visually healthy. Whilst there would be some impact to amenity given the position of the tree in relation to the streetscene, it is my view that pollarding the tree would not impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area significantly, and for this reason, and the fact that the agent alleges damage to the driveway and that of the neighbouring driveway due to root progression, I am satisfied that there would be insufficient grounds to refuse the application for the proposed works.

4.3.4 The tree, in my view, does not present a signification contribution to amenity value to warrant further protection by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 I am satisfied that the work 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.

Informative/s:

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

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