

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...William Thompson.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/01464/TCA

Pine - Remove. Sycamore - Cut back to previous pruning points. Ash - Cut into hedge

9 Eastholm Green
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 4TW

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch location plan Photo

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 22/02427/TCA - 4 x Pine - Reduce the weight in the limbs. Horse chestnut - Fell and grind out stump. As amended by plan received on 03 October 2022.
No Objection
- 2.2 05/01124/1TCA - Removal of 4 fruit trees and lifting of lower branches to approx 3m of Horse Chestnut tree.
No Objection
- 2.3 93/00951/1TCA - Removal of 3 Scotts Pine trees and thin and raise crown of two Horse Chestnut trees.
No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 **Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site is located on Eastholm Green, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Pine - Remove. Sycamore - Cut back to previous pruning points. Ash - Cut into hedge.

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are: 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 on the submitted location plan and are located in the rear garden.
- 4.3.3 The trees are barely visible from the streetscene, so hold little amenity value. The tree to fell is dead, so would not be considered a worthy enough specimen for a TPO. The remaining works are remedial. The proposed works are not considered to cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
- 4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider there a need to issue a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed work to the trees 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.

Signed  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 1 July 2025	