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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00237/TCA

Conifer hedge - Removal

328 Norton Way South

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 1TA

Submitted Plan Nos

Report and 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 24/00076/TCA - T1: Plum - Reduce height by approx 50%

No Objection

22/01545/TCA - Hedge line – Remove

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 the east side of Norton Way South, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Conifer hedge - Removal

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 hedge is identified on the submitted location plan in the rear garden.

4.3.3 The arboricultural report shows the hedge has signs of disease. As the hedge is located in the rear garden and is not visible to the streetscene and only partially visible to neighbours, it is considered to have low amenity value. Therefore, the specimen is not deemed worthy of a TPO.

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.

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Determining Officer Date: 21 February 2025	