

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00985/TCA	T1: Prunus - Fell and leave a 1m stem. T2: Prunus - Fell to ground level and grind stump	225 Icknield Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4TU

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 None.

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site where the tree works are proposed lies on the south east side of Icknield Way and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: Prunus - Fell and leave a 1m stem.

T2: Prunus - Fell to ground level and grind stump.

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 plan as T1 and T2. T1 is located in the front garden and T2 in the rear garden with both trees being close to party boundaries.
- 4.3.3 The tree in the front garden appears to have been pruned significantly in the past. Both trees are of medium maturity with neither tree making a significant visual contribution in terms of amenity value or making a significant contribution to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area.
- 4.3.4 I am of the view that there are no grounds to support further protection of either tree by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 I am satisfied that a reduction to a one metre trunk to T1 and the felling T2 would not result in significant harm to the visual amenity and character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area to justify refusal of the application.

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 trees, you **MUST** make sure you have obtained the written consent of the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation (where applicable).

Signed <i>Paul Chaston</i> Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 7 May 2025	