

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02188/TCA	T1: Silver Birch - Crown reduction of 1m and crown clean. T2: Privet (Shrub) - Crown reduction of 1.5m.	6 The Dovecote Back Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5PE

Submitted Plan Nos

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 20/02375/TCA - T2 Silver birch - Crown reduce by up to 2m to viable growth points and lift to approximately 3m. T3 Purple leaved plum - Re-pollard.

No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Ashwell Parish Council** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on 6 The Dovecote, Back Street, Ashwell and is within the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Silver Birch - Crown reduction of 1m and crown clean. T2: Privet (Shrub) - Crown reduction of 1.5m.

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 not visible from the streetscene, so hold little amenity value. The works to T1 and T2 are remedial and 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 Ashwell 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: 30 September 2025	