

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02236/TCA	Mixed species - Cut back all overhanging branches along length of car park, back to the boundary line. Prune all branches and vegetation to provide a 1m horizontal clearance from the side elevation of the roof and a 4m horizontal clearance. Prune all branches to clear the roadside facing elevation of the roof by 2.5m horizontally and 4m vertically.	Letchworth Police Station Nevels Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4ER

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 Multiple TCAs determined as 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 at the Letchworth Police Station and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Mixed species - Cut back all overhanging branches along length of car park, back to the boundary line. Prune all branches and vegetation to provide a 1m horizontal clearance from the side elevation of the roof and a 4m horizontal clearance. Prune all branches to clear the roadside facing elevation of the roof by 2.5m horizontally and 4m vertically.

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 on the perimeter of the station.
- 4.3.3 The trees are mature and appear visually healthy and the applicant has not submitted any arboricultural report to dispute this.
- 4.3.4 The trees are visible from the street scene, so hold amenity value. The proposed works are remedial and would not affect the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

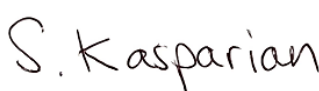
4.3.5 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the trees to be of high enough public amenity value to warrant a Tree Preservation Order.

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  Sarah Kasparian	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 30 September 2025	