

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/02465/TCA	T1: Apple - Reduce by up to 2m . T2: Holly - Reduce height by 1m. G1: Mixed species hedge - Reduce by 2m to previous points	141 - 143 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8ED

Submitted Plan Nos

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 Full history on case file.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site is located on the eastern side of the High Street and is within the Barkway Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:
 - ☐ T1 Apple – Reduce by up to 2m
 - ☐ T2 Holly – Reduce height by 1m
 - ☐ G1 Mixed Species Hedge – Reduce by 2m to previous points

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 and hedge are identified on the submitted plan.
- 4.3.3 The proposed works would involve a reduction in the crown spread of the trees within the site, together with a reduction in the height of the hedge located along the northern boundary fronting the High Street.
- 4.3.4 The extent of the proposed works is considered to represent routine management and would not adversely affect the long-term health, amenity value or contribution the trees make towards the character and appearance of the Barkway Conservation Area.

4.3.5 Given there is no threat to the trees, I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works are considered reasonable and justified and would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Barkway Conservation Area as to outweigh the justification for the proposed works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION**

Signed  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 13 October 2026	