

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Melissa Tyler.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00955/TCA

Plum - Fell. Birch: Prune up 1m

2 Westholm

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 4JB

Submitted Plan Nos

Photo 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 - no comments received

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought for the following works

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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 trees are located in the rear garden with the plum tree located along the side boundary and is partially visible in the public realm. The application is accompanied photos which recommends felling due to its location on the boundary and its shown as having a serve lean onto the fence. The proposed pruning to the birch is for the longterm maintenance of the tree.

4.3.3 There are numerous trees to the in the vicinity of the site and the removal and works to the trees will not result in any harm to the to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area.

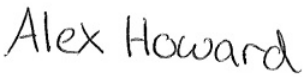
4.3.4 Due to the condition of the tree, a Tree Preservation Order is not recommended.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to fell a Eucalyptus tree will 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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