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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/01006/TCA	T1 Sycamore - Reduce by 2.5 - 3m and 3 - 4m epicormic growth	Three Tuns 6 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NL

Submitted Plan Nos
Sketch plan

1.0 Policies

NONE None Relevant

2.0 **Site History**

Various applications for works to trees at this site.

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

Commercial property (Public House) in the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

Remedial works to one Sycamore tree.

The following information has been provided:-
Located on west perimeter of the Three Tuns Pub Garden. The garden of 10 High Street, 6 and 4 Hodwell are within the target zone.

Tree is covered in ivy preventing detailed inspection, although has heavy epicormic growth, some of which has failed and fallen into neighbouring property
in the past. Co dominant stems with potentially weak union at approx. 6m, again, ivy prevents detailed inspection. Tree has also been subject to complaints for neighbours regarding both its safety and size, the tree is in a high target are and a tight location.
RECCOMENDATIONS;
Reduce by 2.5 - 3m, Remove heavy, likely poorly attached epicormic growth to 3 - 4 m, cut Ivy at base to provide 2m clear stem. Strip ivy to facilitate
future inspection of potential weak union.
REASON;
To reduce external stresses on tree, maintain its size in relation to its location and facilitate future inspection.

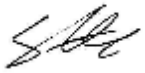
4.3 **Key Issues**

If the work is considered inappropriate is the tree worthy of the further protection afforded by a TPO.
Assessment – the tree is in a rear garden location and close to the property. It is a large specimen and makes a positive contribution to the visual amenity of the area. The works are of a reasonable remedial nature that would not affect the long term existence of the tree and are intended to safeguard the tree and the site/adjacent properties.

4.4 **Conclusion**
In this instance no objections raised as the tree is not under threat in my view.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

Signed  Simon Ellis Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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