

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02027/TCA

Ellwoodii Conifer - Fell.

53 Gernon Road

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3HS

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 09/01940/1TCA - Removal of 1 Conifer Tree and reduction of 1 Plum Tree by approximately 40% and shape to balance.

No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on Gernon Road, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Ellwoodii Conifer - Fell.

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 tree is identified on the submitted location plan and is located in the rear garden.

4.3.3 The tree is mature and appears visually healthy and the applicant has not submitted any arboricultural report to dispute this.

4.3.4 When viewing the site from the street scene the tree is barely visible and therefore contributes little towards the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area; so, the public amenity level is considered low.

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

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to fell the tree 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  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 19 November 2024	