

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01906/TCA	T1, T2: Cherry - Remove.	137 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8ED

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

2.1 17/00571/1TCA - Silver Birch – Reduce

2.2 12/01957/1TCA - Crown reduce and crown lift two Cherry Trees by 2.4 metres

3.0 Representations

3.1 None.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

4.1.1 The site is a detached bungalow dwelling on the east side of the Barkway High Street.
The site is located within the Barkway Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 T1, T2: Cherry - Remove.

4.3 Key Issues

4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Baldock Conservation Area.

1.0 The trees are located to the front of the property and are highly visible from the public realm.

2.0 The proposal seeks to fell the two trees due to the fact T1 is identified as 'dead' and T2 is fouling the overhead wires.

3.0 From the site visit, it was observed that T1 was in poor condition with significant deadwood. In my view, the tree is in poor condition and therefore would not have the longevity or quality to warrant the further protection of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.0 It was also observed the presence of fungus at the base of T2, the applicant has advised that the neighbouring tree was removed due to fungal disease. In any case, the tree is small in scale and whilst it does contribute to the visual amenity of the street scene, I do not consider that the tree is of significant visual amenity value to warrant the placement of a Tree Preservation Order. As such I have no objection to the works but would recommend replanting of a native tree in the location of T1.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Barkway Conservation Area.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None applicable

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

Signed	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road
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Determining Officer Date: 20 September 2024	