

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02238/TCA	T1: Sycamore - Reduce by approx. 30% to suitable lateral growth points. T2, T3: Cherry Plum - Reduce by approx. 25% . T4, T5: Yew - Reduce by approx. 25%. T6: Laurel - Prune to shape. T7: Conifer hedge - Trim	6 Baldock Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LB

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 None.

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 Baldock Road, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 are identified on the submitted location plan and are located in the front garden with the hedge in the rear garden.

4.3.3 The trees are mature and appear 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 trees some of the trees are visible and therefore contributes some towards the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area; however, the public amenity value is low.

4.3.5 The works will maintain the trees with no felling involved.

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

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the trees 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  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 1 November 2024	