

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02391/TCA

T1: Apple - Re-pollard back to previous points. T2: Pear - Crown reduce height and spread by up to 1m

Calebs Cottage
Stevenage Road
St Ippolyts
Hertfordshire
SG4 7PE

Submitted Plan Nos

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 23/01148/TCA - T1 Beech - Fell.

No Objection

23/02770/TCA - T1 Oak - Pollard by 5m.

No Objection

21/00321/TCA - T1 Pear - Crown reduce by up to 1m. T2 Apple - Crown reduce by up to 2m

No Objection

13/01472/1TCA - Reduce crown of 1 Oak tree (T1) by 25% to create compact crown

No Objection

12/00606/1TCA - Reduce 2 Laburnum trees (T1, T2) by 20%; thin and reduce 2 Apple trees (T3, T4) by 25%; reduce stems of Hawthorn tree to 2m and reduce remaining stem to shape (T5); crown reduction and shape Pear tree (T6) and Hawthorn tree (T7)

No Objection

94/00824/1TCA - Removal of Hawthorn and Cherry trees.

No Objection

90/00409/1TCA - Removal of two Christmas trees.

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 Stevenage Road, St Ippolyts and is within the St Ippolyts Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Apple - Re-pollard back to previous points. T2: Pear - Crown reduce height and spread by up to 1m

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 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 are not visible and therefore do not contribute towards the character and appearance of the St Ippolyts Conservation Area; So, they are not considered to have public amenity.

4.3.5 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 St Ippolyts 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	