

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/01536/TCA

Cherry - Remove. Bird Cherry - Remove

33 High Street

Pirton

Hitchin

Hertfordshire

SG5 3PS

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 19/00370/TCA - Fell one Conifer tree. **No Objection**
- 2.2 07/00376/1TCA - Remove one sycamore tree. **No Objection**
- 2.3 03/00764/1TCA - Removal of Horse Chestnut tree. **No Objection**

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/a

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site is located on High Street, Pirton and is within the Pirton Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Cherry - Remove. Bird Cherry - Remove

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 not visible from the streetscene, so hold little amenity value. The Cherry tree is dead and the Bird Cherry is dying and poses a risk for falling branches. Neither tree would be considered a worthy enough specimen for a TPO. The works are not considered to cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider there a need to issue 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 Pirton Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

Signed  Melissa Tyler	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 18 June 2025	