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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00032/TCA

Wild Plum - Pollard to approx 1.3m

23 Field Lane

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3LF

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch location plan Photos

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 02/00947/1TCA - Felling of Prunus.

No Objection

10/02219/1TCA - Removal of 10 Conifer Trees.

No Objection

23/02291/TCA - G1 - Mixed Tree Group consisting of Prunus in the main to be pruned back from boundary by up to 2m.

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 Field Lane and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Wild Plum - Pollard to approx 1.3m.

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 The works are remedial and do not cause harm to the tree. The scale of works is appropriate in maintaining the tree's value to the conservation area.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to 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.

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Determining Officer Date: 27 January 2025	