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

**APPLICATION  
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF  
DEVELOPMENT**

**APPLICATION SITE**

25/00075/TCA

Norway Maple - Re-Pollard. Holly,  
Cypress - Up to 1m reduction.

9 Birds Hill  
Letchworth Garden City  
Hertfordshire  
SG6 1PL

**Submitted Plan Nos**

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 00/00354/1TCA - Removal of Hawthorn tree **No Objection**
- 01/00632/1TCA - Pruning of Hawthorn and Maple trees by 25% **No Objection**
- 17/01312/1TCA - Acer - reduce by 20%. Hawthorn - reduce by 20%. **No Objection**
- 19/00719/TCA - Reduction by 20% to one Acer and one Hawthorn tree. **No Objection**
- 21/01260/TCA - Acer - Prune by 20%. Hawthorne - Prune by 20%. **No Objection**
- 23/00065/TCA - Acer - Prune by 20%. Hawthorn - Prune by 20%. **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 Birds Hill and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

### 4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Norway Maple - Re-Pollard. Holly, Cypress - Up to 1m reduction.

### 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 works on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed works 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 are located in the rear garden and land fronting the highway.
- 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 The works are remedial and do not cause harm to the trees. 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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| <p>Signed</p>  <p>Melissa Tyler</p> | <p>Development Management<br/>North Hertfordshire District Council<br/>Council Offices<br/>Gernon Road<br/>Letchworth<br/>Herts<br/>SG6 3JF</p> |
| <p>Determining Officer</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 27 January 2025</p>                                                       |                                                                                                                                                 |