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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00079/TCA	Silver Birch, Plum, Apple, 3x Pear - Up to a 25% reduction. Plum - Fell.	17 The Quadrant Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4TY

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 None relevant

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 The Quadrant and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

- 4.2.1 Silver Birch, Plum, Apple, 3x Pear - Up to a 25% reduction. Plum - Fell.

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.
- 4.3.3 The trees are mature and all those having remedial works appear visually healthy and the applicant has not submitted any arboricultural report to dispute this. The plum tree being felled is dead and infected with fungus
- 4.3.4 The remedial works will not cause harm to the trees and the felling of a dead and infected tree is not objectionable. The scale of works is appropriate in maintaining the trees' 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	
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