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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00538/TCA	T1) Chestnut - Fell to ground level.	Wisbridge Farm High Street Reed Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8AH

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

Previous notifications for works to trees.

3.0 **Representations**

None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

Residential property in the Reed Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

Removal of one Chestnut tree. Reason given: This large/over mature tree is very close to the edge of the house (approx. 3.5m). There are water pipes which pass through he root plate which now need repair/replacing and root plate disturbance is unavoidable. Because of its proximity to the building, affect on services and its size, it's deemed prudent to remove it.

4.3 **Key Issues**

If the work is considered inappropriate is the tree worthy of the further protection afforded by a TPO.
Assessment – the tree is in a prominent front garden location and close to the property. It is of significant public amenity value due to the front location and had been cut back in the past. Given its location and size I would however caution against making of a specific TPO. Another tree exists to the front which will help to maintain the amenity of the area.

4.4 **Conclusion**
In this instance no objections raised as the tree is not worthy of further protection in my view.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

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