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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02289/TCA	T1: Lime - Re-pollard to previous points. T2: Cherry plum - Reduce by 20-25%. T3: Conifer - Reduce by approx. 20-25%. T4: Hornbeam - Lateral growth shortened to suitable growth points. T5: Laurel - Reduce in height to approx 7ft. T6: Apple - Reduce by approx 25-30% to suitable growth points.	Thatch End Ashwell Road Newnham Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5JX

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 Various applications, full case history on file.

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 Planning Considerations

- 4.1 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1.1 The application site comprises of a detached listed building located on the northern side of Ashwell Road and within the Newnham Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

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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 site plan.
- 4.3.3 The trees are sited with the grounds of the property, and it would appear that the proposed works would provide a general level of maintenance to the trees. Given the level of works proposed it would have limited impact on the amenity value of the trees. Notwithstanding this, the works to the trees is considered justified in order to maintain their longer-term management and their continued contribution to the character and appearance of the Newnham Conservation Area. There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the trees and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works to the trees would not harm their amenity value to a significant degree. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Newnham 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: 22 October 2024	