

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/03029/TCA

Silver Birch, Laburnum - Reduce up to a
1m. Magnolia - Prune up to 0.5m

127 Glebe Road
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 1DX

Submitted Plan Nos

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 16/02611/1TCA - Reduce height of Silver Birch tree by 4 metres and remove dead wood. No objection.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **LGCHF** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site lies on the southeast side of a cul-de-sac of residential dwellings off Glebe Road and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- Silver Birch, Laburnum – Reduce up to 1 metre.
- Magnolia – Prune up to 0.5 metre.

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 plan, and the application is accompanied by photographs of the trees.

4.3.3 The Silver Birch and Laburnum trees are sited in the rear garden with the Magnolia tree sited in the front garden of the property.

4.3.4 The proposed works appear reasonable and justified in order to maintain the longer-terms management of the trees.

4.3.5 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 would be remedial and would not result in harm to the amenity value of the trees. As such, I am satisfied that the work 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.

Informative/s:

1. In addition to this approval, and prior to undertaking any works to the trees, you **MUST** make sure you have obtained the written consent of the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation (where applicable).

Signed  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 6 January 2026	