

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02989/TCA	T1: Apple - Remove to ground level. T2: Hazel - limb over the lawn prune back to balance the canopy. T3: Magnolia - Reduce by approx 20-25% to suitable growth points. T4: Persian Ironwood - Reduce by approx. 25-30% to suitable lateral growth points.	Arana 6 Hitchin Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LL

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 24/02574/TCA - T1: Apple - Remove dead stems and remaining canopy reduced by approx. 20-25% to suitable growth points. T2: Conifers - Remove to ground level. T3: Horse Chesnut - Dead limb to removed back to the stem. T4: Hazel - Reduce by approx. 25-30% T5: Persian Ironwood - Shorten lateral growth back to suitable growth points and crown lifted over the Magnolia. T6: Yew - Prune to clear the phone lines.

No Objection

2.2 23/02673/TCA - T1: Persian Ironwood, T2: Magnolia - Prune to shape, T3: Box Elder - Crown lift over the garden side and longer laterals shortened to balance the canopy, T4: Conifer - Remove to ground level, T5: Cherry Plum - Prune large limbs, T6: Ash - Remove lower dead branches, T7: Cherry Plum - Remove, T8: Conifer - Reduce in height lower section and lateral growth prune back over the garden side, T9, T10 & T11 Conifer - Remove and T12: Box Elder - Prune to shape and balance (amended description to include T12).

No Objection

2.3 21/03049/TCA - T1 Multi stemmed Conifer - Remove stem over drive and foliage pruned away from the adjacent property. T2 Magnolia - Reduce by approx. 25% to suitable growth points. T3 & T4: X2 Conifers - Remove to ground level. T5 Ash - Pruned to suitable growth points. T6 Apple - Prune to suitable growth points. T7 Plum - Remove lower limb.

No Objection

2.4 19/02831/GEN - Oak - Fell. 5 day notice.

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3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on Hitchin Road, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Apple - Remove to ground level. T2: Hazel - limb over the lawn prune back to balance the canopy. T3: Magnolia - Reduce by approx 20-25% to suitable growth points. T4: Persian Ironwood - Reduce by approx. 25-30% to suitable lateral growth points.

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 location plan. T1 is located in the rear garden and T2-T4 are located in the front garden.
- 4.3.3 T1 is located in the rear garden and not visible to the public realm, so holds little amenity. T2-T4 are located in the front garden and are visible to the public realm, so hold amenity. The works to fell T1 are justified as it is diseased and predominately dead. Therefore, this tree would not be a worthy enough specimen to warrant a TPO. The remaining works are remedial and are not considered to cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
- 4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the trees to be of high enough public amenity value to warrant a Tree Preservation Order.
- 4.4 **Conclusion**
- 4.4.1 The proposed works 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.

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