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CASE OFFICER: …Jo Cousins……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/01304/TCA	T1 Betula Pendula (Silver Birch) - Removal. T2 Aesculus hippocastanum (Horse Chestnut) - Tip reduction by approx 1m.	Parknasilla Southern Green Rushden Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0SP

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

None

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

Residential property in the Rushden (Southern Green) Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

Removal of one Silver Birch and tip reduction by approx.. one metre to one Horse Chestnut tree

4.3 **Key Issues**

If the work is considered inappropriate is the tree worthy of the further protection afforded by a TPO.
Assessment – the trees are in a garden location and close to the property. The Silver Birch is stated as being a mature specimen close to its estimated life span and likely to cause damage should it fail. It is not of any significant public amenity value or such a fine specimen as to warrant the making of a specific TPO. The Horse Chestnut requires the minor remedial work to stop it encroaching of phone lines. The works will not harm the long term existence of this tree.

4.4 **Conclusion**
In this instance no objections raised as the birch tree is not worthy of further protection and the Horse Chestnut is not under threat of removal in my view.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

Signed  Simon Ellis Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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