

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01217/TCA	T015/16/17/18/19. Ash - Remove major deadwood, T022. Horse Chestnut - Reduce branches by 2-3 metres, T23 & T26 Cherry Trees - Remove. T30 Field Maple - Remove.	St Marys Church Crab Tree Lane Pirton Hertfordshire SG5 3QE

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 21/02048/TCA - Laburnum - Remove.

No Objection

2.2 17/02702/1TCA - 2 x Yew - Remove lower branches

No Objection

2.3 17/02699/1TCA - Sycamore - Fell

No Objection

2.4 17/02681/1TCA - 14 x Lime - Pollard back to 30% of their height

No Objection

2.5 09/01317/1TCA - Reduction in height to 3.5m of 3 Yew trees together with removal of lateral branches and reshaping (T1, T2, T3)

No Objection

2.6 05/01495/1TCA - Prune back lower branches by 10% to one Yew tree, one Sycamore tree and one Beech tree.

No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/a

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on Crab Tree Lane, Pirton and is within the Pirton Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T015/16/17/18/19. Ash - Remove major deadwood, T022. Horse Chestnut - Reduce branches by 2-3 metres, T23 & T26 Cherry Trees - Remove. T30 Field Maple - Remove.

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 and are located around the church.

4.3.3 The trees are somewhat visible from the streetscene, so hold some amenity value. The works to T23, T26 and T30 are to fell as the trees are dead and, therefore, would not be considered worthy enough specimens for a TPO. The remaining works are remedial and are not considered to cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

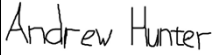
4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider there a need to issue a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the trees would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Pirton 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: 3 June 2025	