

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01291/TCA	Holly - Fell, Process and Remove.	7 Baldock Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LB

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 None.

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1.1 The application site is located on the southeast side of Baldock Road and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

Fell 1 x Holly tree.

4.3 Key Issues

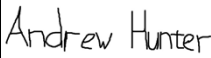
- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are; the amenity value of the tree; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.
- 4.3.2 The tree is positioned in the rear garden of the application site and alongside the party boundary with the neighbouring property to the northeast known as 9 Baldock Road. Photographs submitted in support of the application show the tree sited below the canopy of surrounding trees which has resulted in the deterioration of the condition of this semi-mature tree due to a lack of natural light and shading.
- 4.3.3 I am of the view that the position and condition of the tree would make it unsuitable for further protection by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 Conclusion

- 4.4.1 I am satisfied that the loss of the tree would not result in any significant harm to public or private amenity value or 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  Andrew Hunter Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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Date: 5 June 2025	
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