

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02489/TCA

T1: Tulip - Reduce by approx 30%
(approx 2 metres) back to previous
pruning points.

16 High Street
Whitwell
Hitchin
Hertfordshire
SG4 8AG

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 20/01835/TCA - Tulip - 30% Crown reduce weight on limbs.

No Objection

2.2 20/01373/TCA - Tulip - T1, T2, T3 Cypress - Fell

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 16 High Street, Whitwell and is within the Whitwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Tulip - Reduce by approx 30% (approx 2 metres) back to previous pruning points.

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 identified on the submitted location plan and is located in the rear garden.

4.3.3 The tree is partially visible from the streetscene, so holds some amenity value. The works are remedial and are not considered to cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

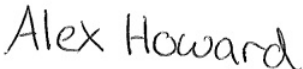
4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider there a need to issue a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the tree would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Whitwell Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

Signed  Alex Howard Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 27 October 2025	