

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02505/TCA	T1: Silver Birch - Reduce height of canopy by 1.5 m. Remove deadwood over 25 mm overhanging car park and road.	22 Leys Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3EW

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 relevant

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 22 Leys Avenue, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 T1: Silver Birch - Reduce height of canopy by 1.5 m. Remove deadwood over 25 mm overhanging car park and road.

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 fronts a highway.
- 4.3.3 The tree is visible from the streetscene, so holds 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 trees 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	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council
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