

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02485/TCA

Silver Birch - Fell to ground level

Land Adjacent To 38

Station Road

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3BE

Submitted Plan Nos

Tree report

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 25/02471/TCA - Goat willow - Coppice to 0.5m.

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 land adjacent to 38 Station Road, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Silver Birch - Fell to ground level

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 are located to the rear of 38 Station Road.

4.3.3 The tree is visible from the streetscene, so holds amenity value. The works to fell the tree are justified as it is in poor physical condition with a suppressed, asymmetrical crown, heavily clad trunk and inner crown and is leaning over the parking area. This is supported by an arboricultural report. Therefore, the tree would not be deemed a worthy enough specimen to warrant a TPO.

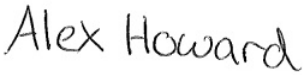
4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider there a need to issue a Tree Preservation Order.

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  Alex Howard Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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