

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02545/TCA	T1 Weeping Willow - Repollard to previous pollarding points, approx. 8m and remove deadwood. Reshape. T2 Weeping Willow - Repollard to previous pollarding points, approx. 8m. T3 Weeping Willow - Repollard to previous pollarding points, approx. 8m and reshape. T4 Weeping Willow - Selective Crown clear and remove deadwood throughout crown. T5 Maple - Fell and replant. T6 Deodar Cedar - Fell and Remove. T7 Ash - Selective crown reduction/retrenchment to reduce end-weight over entrance, remove unstable deadwood. T8 Larch - Fell and remove.	Larch Howe Park Lane Old Knebworth Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6PS

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan 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 Multiple TCA applications determined as 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 Park Lane, Old Knebworth and is within the Old Knebworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

- 4.2.1 T1 Weeping Willow - Repollard to previous pollarding points, approx. 8m and remove deadwood. Reshape. T2 Weeping Willow - Repollard to previous pollarding points, approx. 8m. T3 Weeping Willow - Repollard to previous pollarding points, approx. 8m and reshape. T4 Weeping Willow - Selective Crown clear and remove deadwood throughout crown. T5 Maple - Fell and replant. T6 Deodar Cedar - Fell and Remove. T7 Ash - Selective crown reduction/retranchment to reduce end-weight over entrance, remove unstable deadwood. T8 Larch - Fell and 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 at various points around the site.

4.3.3 The trees are all somewhat visible from the public realm, so they hold amenity value. The works to T1, T2, T3, T4 and T7 are remedial and are not considered to cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The removal of T5 is justified as the specimen is dead and would, therefore, not be a worthy enough specimen to warrant a TPO. The removal of T6 and T8 are justified as their removal would be beneficial to surrounding vegetation. The application indicated mitigation replanting. The proposed works are supported by an arboricultural report.

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 Old Knebworth 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	